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## Abu Daoud flown to Algiers after release in Paris

Ir Abu Daoud, the Palestinian who planned UTE CHALETIE events which led to the 1972 Munich ACANCIES lympics massacre, arrived in Algiers last night ter a Paris court rejected attempts to extradite

him to Israel. He had been under provisional arrest in France. Israel has recalled its envoy in Paris and has accused the French of capitulating to pressure from Arab states.

### Identity denied at secret hearing

m Pani Martin . is, Jan 11 ir Mahammad Deoud Audeh. ck September leader, who is arded as the organizer of massacre of Israeli athletes the Munich Olympics, left nce a free man mday after recret court bearing had cted attempts to extradite

HE ATLANTowing to Arab pressure, the ST AFRICA nch Government released man wanted in West GerCHON Many and Israel in a voke face EED FROM THE ROUGH has rendered the European and Europe

rotected by a heavy chment of paramilitary ce the terrorist leader who fallen into the hands of nch counter-intelligence t days earlier, was flown n Orly airport to freedom in eria. Thus ended a harrow-INTER CRUSHigh diplomatic differents for the Government that had attened to undermine its tical and economic relations 1 the Arab world.

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1 Daoud was made just
20ARI re noon by the examining
20ARI Appeal It rejected the
20ARI Appeal arrest warrant under ch he was being held and Israeli application for his tinued detention for 60 days. Israelis had planned to seek extradition for murder and

itting in camera, the magi-te's hearing ruled that there no case for the French-torities to hold Mr Abu ud any longer and it decided his immediate release. vesting his heavy dark ses and a blue overcoat, he driven from the Palais de

m Eric Marsden

usalem, Jan 11

he Israeli Government to-ht recalled its ambassador

Paris, Mr Mordechai Gazit,

France's release of Mr Abu

r consultations " in protest

oud. This is the most serious that can be taken short of

aking off formal diplomatic

fc Yigal Allon, the Deputy mier and Foreign Minister,

also summoned the French bassador in Tel Aviv to call

him tomorrow. Earlier, Mr

on in searing phrases ex-

ssed Israel's anger over the nch action to the Knesset.

he news of the release thed Jerusalem just before opening of a debate on

tice in a police convoy to the ют where a regular Air érie flight was waiting.



Mr Abu Daoud on his way to Orly airport yesterday.

boarded, Mr Abu Daoud was seen safely out of France. The magistrate ruled the Israeli application for the detention of Mr Ahu Daoud pending the arrival of an extracition warrant was inadmissable because crimes committed in Munich in October, 1972, fell outside the jurisdiction

Earlier, it had declared that

and recalls ambassador

Government had acted with un-

Abu Daoud had been freed the

day after Israel had tabled a request that he be held for a

further 60 days pending extradi-

miner of days pending extraor-tion formalities, the Foreign Minster commented: "We view with great gravity this act of the French Government which is

a shameful capitulation to the pressure of Arab states and

threats from terrorist organiza-

France, he said, had taken the

easy way by a policy of appeasement of the Arab oil

producing states which recalled

The French Government had

obligations in favour of the con-

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test between the minimum of

dark days in the past.

seemly haste. Recalling that Mr

detained, was similarly invalid since his identity did not correspond with that mentioned in the warrant. Mr Abu Daoud came to France on a false Iraqi passport under the assumed name of Youssef Raji Ben Hanna—the name that the French authorities have persisted in calling him since his arrest.

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not only the extradition treaty

with Israel but the Council of

Claiming that Israel had honoured the treaty with France, Mr Allon disclosed that

the families of the 11 athletes

murdered at the Munich Olym-

pics had submitted a perition

to a French court today in

support of Israel's extradition

from opposition spokesmen. Mr

Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre)

motion demanding speedy extra-

dition, urged President Giscard

d'Estaing "not to hold that Jewish blood is cheap and that

oil and arms interests are more

condemnation came

Europe convention against ter-

It had violated

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# Prime Minister says

Muhammad Daoud Audeh, a denial accepted by the court.

"I was on an official mission here", he told the bench. "I think I was right to think I en-

joyed immuoity during my mis-

moud Saleh, a PLO representa-

a Paris street. As such he was received at the Quai d'Orsay just before DST counter-intelli-gence agents arrested him.

So far as is known, no effort

Mr Ezzeddin Kalak, the PLO

Algeria was chosen as the place for Mr Abu Daoud's

repatriation after consultations with the Arab states seeking his release. The Algerian Ambassador had led the dele-

gation representing the entire

Arab diplomatic corps which had made repeated representa-

tions to the French in the past

Throughout they had re-unded the French Govern-

ment of the damage any extra-dition order would cause to Franco-Arab relations. With President Giscard d'Estaing due to visit Saudi Arabia in 11

days' time, this was something

of which the Government was already painfully aware.

Indeed, one newspaper summed

**Surprise** 

and regret

in Bonn

Bonn, Jan 11 The French court's decision

authorities were still debating whether to apply through the Federal Government in Bonn for his extradition when the

The Federal Ministry of

Justice issued a statement highly critical of the decision. It expressed "regret" and complained that the decision did

not accord with previous prac-tice under the Franco-West

German extradition treaty. The

battle against international terrorism had not been made

cation of article nine of the extradition treaty, referring to "the absence of diplomatic con-firmation of the application via

Interpol for provisional deter-tion for extradition" is re-garded in Bonn as a cynically

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who was assassinated in

Under the cover of his false identity, he came to Paris last week as part of a delegation of Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion officials to mourn Mah-

Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey were jubilant yesterday when they announced to the Commons the \$3,000m (about £1,765m) financing facility agreed on Monday night in Basle as a safety net for Britain's sterling belances.

Sterling deal gives

year healthy start,

Against a background of a healthier pound the Prime Min-ister told MPs that the new agreement, combined with the Monetary Fund and firm government control on public expenditure, gave a very healthy start to 1977.

Mr Pardoe welcomed the averagement from the Liberal

arrangement from the Liberal benches and even the Conserva-tives found difficulty in discov-ering anything to grumble

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, opposition spokesman on Treasury Affairs, remarked grudgingly, that the House would not wish to deny the Chancellor the satisfaction he gained from making the announcement. Other Tories were not so generous, objecting that Mr Healey had The Arabs who mounted a determined diplomatic campaign for his release are over-joyed at the way in which the affair has been handled. not yet given sufficient details for them to assess fully the value of the package. To those Jeremiahs the Chancellor re-torted that the international money markets had found no difficulty in deciding on its representative in Paris, said:
"We are happy over the attitude of the French police. It
augurs well for the good relations between the PLO and

value.

In his statement to the Commons the Chancellor said the agreement was intended to achieve greater international monetary stability, with ster-ling and the exchange markets ceasing to be affected by pressure associated with any run-down of offic al sterling boldings. It would also enable Britain to achieve an orderly re-

duction in sterling's role as a

reserve currency.

The new facility, he said, would reduce the British economy's vulnerability to external factors beyond its control. Agreement was possible because there was general approval of the Government's economic and financial policies as set out in Mr Healey's letter of December 15 to the IMF.

Referring to the option being given to official holders of sterling to convert any part of their holdings into negotiable medium term foreign currency bonds, Mr Healey said the agreement would not reduce the freedom of non-resident sterling holders to manage their hold-ings as they wished. The rate of interest on the foreign currency bonds would be about half that on existing sterling deposits; the precise level would be settled in relation to particular

Most of the bonds would be issued in dollars, but some would be in other currencies. Over a two-year period Britain would be able to draw on the facility in respect of any net reductions in the offi-cial sterling holding. cial sterling holdings from December levels other than reductions from conversion to the foreign currency bonds. The rate of interest on drawings would be about 5 per cent (9 per cent less than the rate

currencies.

on existing holdings). Repayment would be over four years from the end of the draw-down The Chancellor emphasized that the Government did not want large new inflows into private boldings as a means of financing Britain's balance of payments deficit on current account.

The Government was concerned to avoid a shift of official holdings into private holdings under some sort of disguise. He would also seek to avoid a build-up in private holdings although he could not guarantee full success in that. He agreed with Sir Geoffrey Howe that the package was an improvement on the agreement of 1968, because there were now no guarantees to existing holders of sterling. Since the 1968 agreement the world's currencies had floated, so it was not open for any country to guarantee to pay the value of my bond, however denominated in terms of other currencies or

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even its own.

### Britain is given 6 to 8 up its plight, referring to Abu Daoud as "the bomb in years to meet cost

By David Blake

British authorities are to begin an intensive round of talks with holders of sterling balances in London to explain the details of the scheme worked out in basic and to reassure them to trade them for the new bonds; there will be no restrictions on the funds of any countries that choose not to do so. However, the authorities would not welcome any new rise in the level of official holdings. about its impact on holding

The talks will be complicated by the leak during Monday's discussions which disclosed that agreement on a formula to deal with the sterling balances had been found. Eritain had hoped to keep the details of the agreement secret until holding countries had been informed. The clear intention in talks

with the holding countries, of which Sandi Arabia, Kuwait, Hongkong, Brunei, Nigeria and Ireland are the most important, is to let them know that Britain is at last prepared to see a phasing out of all the official sterling balances held in London except those needed for normal working transactions. In terms of cost to Britain will make little difference whether those countries sell their sterling in the foreign

exchange markets and the Bank of England borrows from the Bank for International Settlements, or the countries buy the planned foreign currency bonds from the United Kingdom. In either case Britain will have to pay up in about six to eight years, which is expected to be the lifetime both of the bonds and of the loan.

The authorities emphasize

that there will be no pressure on holders of sterling balances

of the kind that has occurred in the past when arrangements have been made to protect

It is uncertain what form the bonds to be offered to overseas holders will take. The authorities seem to want to sound out holders to see what sort of bonds they would be interested in buying.

It is expected that Britain will need much less from the Bank for International Settlements than the \$3,000m which the than the \$3,000m which the stand-by credit provides as a maximum. The best estimates suggest that about \$3,250m of holdings will be covered by the scheme, of which some will be converted into government bonds and some will have to stay as working capital.

Money that is needed will be

Money that is needed will be provided at first by the Bank for International Settlements through its normal Euromarket operations. If it feels that the burden is too heavy for it alone it will turn to the individual countries backing the stand-by, and draw from them in proportion to their commitments. Thus, it could be possible for the scheme to run its full course without the participating central banks having to put up any

Heavy sterling sales, page 17 As the sun sets, page 19

### Drug couple described as spreaders of death

'May' Wong (right), a Malay-sian educated at Roedean, who, with her lover, was jailed in London for 14 years for trafficking in Chinese heroin. Judge Argyle, QC, said the couple were spreaders of crime, disease, corruption and even death. He called for the closure of illegal gambling clubs which the trial had highlighted. If the will existed, he said, there was no reason why those unlicensed clubs should not be dealt with swiftly, because they caused much of the misery connected with the heroin trade. Eleven other people were sent to jail for their part in the trade

#### Union criticism of Labour rift

Leaders of 33 unions affiliated to the Labour Party criticized political divisions between the party's left-dominated national executive and the Cabinet. The union officials, who had been asked to pledge more money to the party, said the open conflict between executive and Govern-ment hampered their ability to increase cash aid. But they agreed to help in a long-term programme of financial support Page 2

### Kaunda pledge on Rhodesia

The guerrilla war in Rhodesia will end as soon as an interim government acceptable to all parties involved is established, President Kaunda of Zambia has assured Mr Ivor Richard, the British chairman of the Geneva talks. The Commons heard that a January 17 resumption at Geneva has been ruled out

#### Battle on 'Think Tank 'report A battle is being waged among

senior civil servants over whether to allow publication of the "Think Tank's" contro-versial report on the foreign services, which is expected to be completed by March. The report is expected to recommend reorganization Foreign Office

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### US is dismayed, Dr Kissinger says

shington, Jan 11 he State Department exthis reflected the strong terican conviction "that rorists should be dealt with raly and firmly by the legal horities of all countries".

nn Michael Hornsby

Ar Roy Jenkins today mised the European Parlia-

nt, to loud applause, to he

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sion. He criticized attempts

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their praise of the new sidenr's European creden-

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rembourg, Jan 11

ssed dismay at Mr Abu an earlier effort to free Mr Jud's release by France, say Daoud in Jordan.

half of Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, declared: "Our reaction is one of dismoy

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"Our dismay reflects our abhorrence over the brutal and mindless murders there and our strong conviction that terrorists

ture requires the state in which achletes in Munich. alleged crime was comfirmly by the legal authorities in all countries."

#### mitted to ask Bonn to take action on its behalf abroad. The Bayarian police had sent the Paris police notification of the issue at the weekend of a warrant for Mr Daoud's arrest and the grounds for it.

### Union calls off ban on ministry statistics work

By Tim Jones Labour Staff The national executive com-

mittee of the Civil and Public Services Association last night pulled back from a confrontation with the Government when it decided to call off its ban on statistical work at the Department of Employment. The ban, in protest against

government expenditure and manpower policies, had stopped publication of statistics on unemployment and job vacancies. which serve as key economic indicators to the Government and the TUC. Yesterday's executive meet-

ing came after a letter from the Civil Service Department, home today after petrol bomb which gave a warning that attacks on six primary schools unless the union's members Leading article, page 15 out delay the Government elected government.

without pay.

After meeting for more than four hours, the executive decided by 23 votes to one to lift the ban but made clear in a statement afterwards that any peace that follows will depend on the Government's attitude to

its expenditure strategy.

would have to suspend them

The dissenting vote, it is understood, was not cast by Mrs Witham, the communist chairman of the 22-strong section executive at the Department of Employment.
The union said it would be

looking to the TUC to bring urgent pressure to bear on the Covernment to ensure that vital public services are properly staffed. It had never been the intention, the statement said, to embark on a political confronresumed normal working with- tation with a democratically

### Man threatened to blow up iet.

An unnamed American was being held in Pentonville prison, London, last night after threatening to blow up a 'jumbo" jet airliner during a transatlantic flight. He told the crew of the TWA aircraft 90 minutes after take-off from New York, that he had a grenade and would pull the pin unless he was taken to Uganda. The crew kept him talking for two hours and passengers were then asked to volunteer to restrain him. At Heathrow the man was seen by doctors,

### Lord Avon

Lord Avon, the former Prime Minister, was still seriously ill yesterday. No further statement on his health is expected until any change occurs.

### Transport House workers join battle over Mr Bevan

By Michael Hatfield Political Staff

over the appointment of a Trotskyist national youth officer, Mr

The party now finds itself in the seemingly impossible position of trying to reconcile the ly candid as time went by.

The best way to do this was ariser, Mr Jenkins and the by showing clearly that the other commissioners who not simply reappointments.

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Transport House headquarters

Political Staff tee, which approved it by 15 the executive called to settle tabours internal troubles votes to 12. to get an emergency meeting of the executive called to settle the dispute. The Labour organizers have called on unions with members

Mr Heffer, who is MP for Liverpool, Walton, as chairman, yesterday closed a meet-ing of the party's youth of the party's staff council mor because committee members who belong to the organizers' union threatened to walk out if Mr Bevan was in-

accepted Mr Bevan's application

at Transport House to instruct them not to work with Mr yesterday it repeated a decision taken in October not to

deplores the organizers' union's "action against a member of the Labour Party" and called upon

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# AN GPEEE Israel calls decision shameful

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r motions demanding speedy adicion of the PLO leader

here because the senior American diplomat in Khartum was murdered, with a Belgian diplo-mat, by Palestinian terrorists in

The statement issued on be-half of Dr Kissinger, the

from the outgoing Commission

oppeared before the crimson-tubed judges of the European Court of Justice. Each in turn

solemnly swore to " perform my

duties in complete independ-ence" and "neither to seek nor

to take instructions from any

in his speech to the Parlia

ment. Mr Jenkins singled out

for special comment direct elec-

rions, the divergence of econo-

mic performance within the

Comments, the future of the

Common Agricultural Policy and

the danger that young people

might simply lose all interest

On direct elections to the

European Parliament, he said that the "introduction of this

new political dimension of uni-

versal suffrage " was absolutely

vital for the Community. He

gave a warning that any country which impeded the holding

the mid-1978 target date would bear a "heavy and damaging"

the first direct elections on

Turning to the EEC's farm

policy, the new President said

that policies to safeguard the

producer needed to be "bal-

anced by policies to safeguard the consumer. That balance had not always been struck in

the past and the Commission

must seek both to maintain and

improve the Common Agricul-

in the EEC.

responsibility.

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Two more die in South African

> Airican Terrorism Act died in jail at the weekend, police said today. General Gert Prinsloo. the police commissioner, said one man hanged himself and the other collapsed and died. prisoners were Dr The Nishunisha and Mr

Johannesburg, Jan 11.-Two

police custody

Lawrence Ndzanga, both from Sowers, the black township of Ichannesburg. There is concern here over the deaths of detainees in police custody. At least 15 people died last year, according to the independent Institute of Race

Cape Town: Thousands of young black children stayed at in townships here. Reuter.

Andrew ("Andy") Bevan, deepened yesterday when party sraff manaed the barricades in

seethed with activity after Mr Ronald Hayward, party general secretary, had sent Mr Bevan home on full salary until the dispute is resolved. A meeting has been called for model he has been called for today hetween party officials and the organizers' union officials, who decline to work with Mr Bevan. Last night Mr Eric Heffer, a left-wing member of national executive, was trying

vited to attend. Transport House members of the Transport and General Workers' Union last night

black " him. It approved a resolution that

Shops defy ban on bread delivery The Keymarkets supermarket chain has kept the price of a large loaf at 17 p in its shops in the Home Counties in defiance of a ban on bread deliveries to shops charging below a minimum of 18p or 19p. The minimum was set by deliverymen belonging to the United Road Transport Union. More help for Ulster widows

# New compensation proposals for victims of violence in Ulster

include special payments to widows and children of murdered Servicemen. Compensa-tion for injury to an unborn child is also suggested. Page 2 Agee hearing: No details of the allegations against Mr Philip Agee, the former CIA agent. were given on the first day of hearing of his appeal against deportation on security grounds

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New compensation proposals for the victims of violence in Northern Ireland, published yesterday, will make special payments available to the widows of soldiers and others murdered in the province.

It was widely expected that the proposed legislation would improve the arrangements for Servicemen's dependants after Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, promised to investigate anomalies and awards made to suspected terrorists subjected to "deep interrogation", compared with those paid to the families of muscless of the samples of the sample of the samples of t murdered soldiers.

The Secretary of State, who will determine the amounts of compensation, is given discretionary powers to provide that, where compensation payable to a widow and children for pecuniary loss is less than £7,000, the widow's amount may be made up to £5,000.

He can also make up each child's amount to £500, subject to an aggregate maximum of £2,000. The payments, it is suggested, should be backdated to cover all entitlements to com-pensation claims since the disurbances in Northern Ireland

The order continues the provisions for refusing or reducing compensation, such as provocative or negligent behaviour by a victim, and adds further conditions to cover the more doubtful claims from people suspected of possible involvement in terrorist activity.

Future claimants would be required to assist the police, as 1976. (Stationery Office, 35p.)

the injury. It would also be easier for the Secretary of State to take account of evidence of a claimant's previous conviction before a court in the United Kingdom or the Irish Republic.

For the first time it is suggested that specific arrangements should be made for compensation when an unborn child is injured. There have been two cases in Ulster of pregnant women being shot by terrorists. In only one case did the child survive. the child survive. Under the present Act com-

Under the present Act compensation is awarded by the county courts. The proposal for compensation to be determined by the Secretary of State is expected to reduce long delays in paying out. Future cases would go before the courts only when an applicant disagreed with the minister's determination.

A more general earnings

A more general earnings limit for compensation is proposed, with an upper limit of twice the average industrial wage suggested for assessment

of pecuniary loss.
Under the 1968 Act no compensation is payable if injury gives rise to a loss of less than three weeks' earnings or if com-pensation of less than £50 would be payable. It is now proposed that the first £100 of any pecuniary loss and the first £250 of compensation for pain, suffering and loss of amenity should be borne by the appli-

### SAS men's trial in Dublin fixed for March

From Christopher Walker Belfast

Eight members of The Special Air Service Regiment who crossed the border into the Irish Republic last May will face trial on arms and ammunition charges on March 7, the Special Criminal Court in Dublin decided vesterday.

The hearing will present one of the severest tests Anglo-Irish relations have undergone in recent years. All attempts by the British Government to persuade the Irish authorities to drop the case have failed, despite Westminster's belief that it might provoke anti-Irish feeling in England.

British officials have done little to disguise their anger about the decision to prosecute the men, some of whom have been transferred to the Middle East since being released on £5,000 bail each

At the time of their arrest, persistently play truant do so Trends in Education, few hundred yards south of with their parents' knowledge. It shows that near the border in co Louth, the soldiers were driving unmarked cars and were armed with submachine guns, automatic pis-tols, and a Browning pumpaction shotgun which is not normal army issue. Some were wearing plain clothes. Britain says they strayed across the border because of a map-reading error.

### Soldier is killed by sniper in north Belfast

From a Staff Reporter Gunner Edmund Muller, aged

18, single, from Doncaster, serving with 49 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, was killed by a sniper's bullet while on duty at a vehicle theckpoint in north Belfast yesterday.

He was the third saldier to be He was the third soldier to be murdered in Northern Ireland

A message from the Provisional IRA leadership last week threatened to intensify violence in the province.

Yesterday's Yesterday's attack came about twenty minutes after a 10lb bomb had exploded in a wallpaper store near by, causing a fierce fire. A shot was also fired at an army patrol in Londonderry,

with their parents' knowledge, a survey of absences from Shef-field schools has indicated.

By Our Education

Correspondent

Parents 'often know of children's truancy

Correspondent by the Department of Educa- school in between a sixth and Nearly half the children who tion and Science in its journal, a quarter of the 1.700 absences

It shows that nearly a third

of the secondary pupils who missed half a term in autumn.

### Big stores defy ban on cheap bread

By Hugh Clayton

Supermarkets in the Home Counties defied unofficial action by deliverymen yesterdey and held down the price of a large loss to 171p. That was the level fixed by the was the level fixed by the Keymarkets group against the determination of members of the United Road Transport Union to keep the minimum up to 18p or 19p.

The company said supplies had been normal at 90 of its 92 Keymarket shops. The other two were in Greater London. "It is one of the lines we intend to keep as low as

"It is one of the lines we intend to keep as low as possible", the company said. "We are going out at 174p tomorrow"

tomorrow."

The price of 19p fixed in its 85 David Greig shops had nothing to do with the deliverymen's action, Keymarkets said. That was the result of a different internal pricing policy.

policy.

Mr David Caulfield, managing director, said of the 173p loaf:

"This has been our price since before Christmas and has been maintained by taking a lower margin of profit."

The John Lewis Partnership said that all but one of its 59 supermarkets received normal deliveries for sale at a minimum of 18p. The exception was the Temple Fortune supermarket, in north London, which had received no bread from the local bakery owned by RHM, the Mother's Pride company. company.

The government upper price limit for a large wrapped white or brown loaf in all of England except Devon and Cornwall is 21p. The union has decided not to allow shops to make reductions of more than 4p below that It fears that bigger cuts would prevent small grocers from selling bread and thus reduce, scope for deliveries. Deliverymen in London have fixed the limit of reductions at

2p and 3p.
Sainsbury prices: J. Sainsbury
said two thirds of its stores
were outside the London area and its own label bread was on sale in those shops at 17p (the Press Association reports). But the company had proprietary brands on sale at 19p in London.

A small family bakery in Bristol, which has two shops, received an anonymous telephone call yesterday threatening

to burn down the shops unless
they increased prices,
Mr Peter Rendall, regional
organizer of the United Road
Transport Union, said: "This
threat has nothing to do with
the union. We condemn and completely disown this type of

Food price pledge, page 4 way they must find it elsewhere in the social service.

of Sheffield, is published today children's staying away from

### Union leaders attack Cabinet-NEC rifts

Union leaders asked by the Labour Party to pledge more money replied yesterday with criticism of the political divisions between the party's left-dominated national executive and the Cabinet.

At a two-hour meeting in Transport House officials of 33 unions affiliated to the party complained about the activities of left-wingers on the national executive and in the constituency parties. They criticized moves to unseat moderate Labour MPs, and demanded that, the executive should act

Their preference for the policy of the Government over that of the national executive was unmistakable. Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers'

Rebels' vote

Three Labour MPs rebelled

in committee yesterday and re-

jected the Government's contro-

versial proposal to save money

by restricting unemployment

pay for people drawing occupa-

tional pensions. It was defeated

The scheme was unpopular with many Labour MPs, even after the Government had offered to raise the proposed exemption limit before benefit was cut from £25 a week to £35.

Conservatives and the Liberal

representative on the commit-tee, Mr Cyril Smith, also voted

against the clause in the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, which its opponents see as destroying the national insurance principle of benefits

Ministers, who are not sur-prised by their defeat, are con-sidering whether to try to put

back the clause at report stage,

Mr Patrick Jenkins, opposi

tion spokesman on social ser-vices, said last night: "I hope

we have now seen the last of this civil servants' scheme on

which successive governments have come to grief. The Gov-ernment would be most unwise

to try to reintroduce the

But ministers make clear that

if they cannot achieve the planned saving of £14m in that

The survey found that size of school, or whether a school

had been a grammar school

but that is unlikely.

rejects

By David Leigh Political Staff

by 11 votes to five.

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benefits

the miners' leader, were out-spoken in their criticism of the party's executive. They warned Mr Ronald Hayward, the party general secretary, that the open conflict between party execu-tives and the Government hampered their scope to increase cash help.

Mr Hayward said after the meeting: "The unions gave a very firm vote of confidence in the Government, but they told us: 'Don't make our job more difficult in getting finance to the Labour Party by these continued differences between the NEC and the Government's

All the unions present agreed on a report on Trotskyist to help in a long-term pro-"entryism" into the party. gramme of increased financial support for the Labour Party, which will take a number of forms. The unions will back a proposal being put to the executive to increase affiliation fees from 21p a head annually to

Mr Bevan: At centre of

Labour staff

the management to allow Mr

The transport workers' branch

at its meeting last night went

further. By 22 votes to 4

approved the stand taken by the

staff council and said that the

appointment was democratically

arrived at by " the highest levels

of the Labour Party decision-

making machinery, and rejects

the intervention by Nulo.

It continued: "We further

oppose any move by Nulo to

instruct members of this branch

to "black" the new youth

officer and urge the TGWU

executive committee to reject

any request along those lines". Clerical workers at Transport

House, members of the Associa-tion of Professional, Executive,

Clerical and Computer Staff,

also approved a resolution, by

13 votes to 4, that they would not "black" Mr Bevan.

Some senior Labour Party

nembers were saying last night

that they had never experienced

such a dilemma in their service

with the party. The two sides, the national executive and the organizers, appeared to be

The organizers' union has emphasized that it is objecting

to Mr Bevan not on political grounds, but because a senior

appointment had been made

outside the organizing service,

where there are strong feelings about pay and career prospects.

That view was disputed by the militant Labour Party

Young Socialists last night. Mr

Nick Bradley, the young socialists representative on the NEC, said that the organizers'

mion was a "small group of politically motivated men." most of whom had been appointed in the Gaitskellite

entrenched.

Labour Party dispute.

Mr Bevan

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Bevan to do his job.

support

involve a change of rules to increase the political levy paid

All were agreed that the But it alternative of a Conservative opportuning overnment was "unthink that had able".

Some union leaders argued that the very nature of government meant that Labour had to compromise during office. But, they said, it had done much to implement its elections and in a shipmont had festo, and its achievements had not received sufficient apprecia-tion by the rank and file. The

Eight die as blizzards

cause chaos on roads

the roads in many parts of a police car.

Britain yesterday, four people died in a crash involving three

tankers, a lorry and a car on the snow-covered A1 in Ber-

wickshire.
Three of them died in a car

that was crushed under a tan-

ker and one of the tanker drivers was killed by a lorry after he had jumped from his cab. He was Mr John Monto, aged 53, of Abbeyhill, Edinhumb,

A girl aged about 18, who was trapped in the car for more than six hours was taken to hos-

pital with serious leg and chest injuries. Throughout her ordeal a dachshund sat on her la pand thelped to keep her

The accident occurred on an inchine half a mile from Cock-

burnspath, north of Berwick. Earlier all roads between England and Scotland had been

At Fishguard, Dyfed, two people died when their car was in collision with a lorry. They

conditions there were said to be

and an articulated lorry near

failed to tackle

needs of cities

The Government has failed to

One accident involved a car

blocked by snow.

After blizzards caused chaos on Clifton and the other a car and

24p next year, 28p in 1979 and unions sought greater recogni-32p in 1980. unions sought greater recogni-tion of what the Government 2p in 1980.

For some unions that will had done, and their efforts were made more difficult if the executive was in constant friction with the Government.

The criticism of the national executive did not prevent the unions from extending a firm commitment to help in party finances. But they voiced strong resentment about recent political developments that have divided the party and the national executive's duty to criticize the Government if it

But the majority took the opportunity to voice criticisms that had been simmering for many months. The first sign of unwillingness to meet the party's requests for cash came last month when the miners union voted to give only £500 towards an appeal for £50,000 sent out by Mr Hayward to balance the books for 1976. That appeal has so far brought in only £20,000.

Snow delayed traffic in East Anglia. In Cornwall some main

roads were blocked for a time.

A mountain rescue team searched last night for an RAF

helicopter missing on a photo-

graphic flight from Aviemore, Highland Region, with Captain John Poland and Mr A. Allwork on board. A distress signal was seen in the Cairngorms.



Agee : monitored by British ligence.

### Deportati allegation still withh

By Stewart Tendler Home Affairs Reporter

The Home Office a committee examining p deport Mr Philip Age former CIA agent, ye refused to give details of tions against him. Mr Agee faces dep for allegedly maintaining

tacts with foreign intel agents, disseminating it tion harmful to E security, and counselling obtain such informat

Home-going motorists faced long delays on the M1 where a multiple accident near Junction Seven, the M10 to St Albans turnoff, partly blocked the south-bound carriageway. In the Midlands, conditions deteriorated rapidly and Junction Two of the M5 north

of Birmingham was blocked after a heavy snowfall. In the Cairngorms, a mountain rescue team searched last night for an RAF helicopter missing on a photographic flight from Aviemore, Highland Region, with Captain John Poland and Mr A. Allwork on

were Lieuenand - Commander Wilfred Muttram, RN retired, and his wife Dorothy, of Mathry, Haverfordwest.

Two more people died in separate accidents on the M62 in West Yorkshire, although board. In the High Court, a judge found it so cold yesterday that he wore his overcoat under his gown and took a short break every hour so that everybody could get warm.

### Mr Justice Megarry, the Vice-Chancellor, said it was the first day of the new law term and the beating was not working.

tackle the deprivation in Britain's cities, and racial Hastings minorities are suffering most, according to a report published

today by the Runnymede Trust. Too little money and a lack policies are blamed by the trust, which describes the government urban programme as a lottery. There will be even less mone spent in future on new capital projects such as day centres and community centres, it says.

The report Government Initiatives on Urban Depriva-tion, says that obligations to overcome disadvantages among immigrants and racial minorities have not been carried out.

In the first comprehensive summary of the government programme to defeat urban deprivation, the trust says few of the schemes carried out have been directed specifically towards the needs of the minority ethnic communities.

Resources allocated have been marginal, it says: £700,000 to black self-help projects, and grants to a number of small

#### Government 'has | Impressive win puts Romanishin ahead in chess From Harry Golombek

Romanishin forced a win in Impressive style against Kaplao in the twelfth round of the Ladbroke Premier chess tournament at Hastings yesterday. He now leads a full noint ahead of Kapan who against Whiteley in the round.

Almost every other game ended in a peaceful draw. But Zwaig had a hard struggle against Dam-janovic, out of which he emerged a pawn to the good.

Results in round 11: Tarian 2, Smysiov 2, English: Webb 1, Vukrevic 2, OP king's ind det; Kagan 2, White-ley 2, Sicilan det: Karian 0, Romanishin 1, French def; Kraidman 2, Adorian 2, OP Grunfeld def; Rumens 1, Miles 0, Bird's opening: Bamianotic 2, Zwig 2, Ruy Lopez. Adjourned game result viles 1, Kraidman 0,

London car parks shut Five car parks on the South Bank, London, will stay closed during weekday morning peak hours as part of the Greater London Council's policy of discouraging driving to work.

Weather forecast and recordings

publication. He was told that last ber, when Mr Rees, Secretary, announced hi-tion of deporting him. 1 full details of the alle have never been disclos Lord Gifford, the ba who joined Mr Agee

hearing, said that who question of details was Sir Derek Hilton, the c tee's chairman, said: Home Secretary has c this is the system. Take leave it." Much of the hearin

taken up with submaimed at opening the l to the press, increasing number of lawyers Mr attempts to get an adjour to collect more witnesses The adjournment

refused, the press rer excluded, but Mr Age allowed more lawyers. A point during the hearin Derek said the committe not completely satisfied what ir had been told the hearing.

Mr Agee said that he been asked about res material for his book, for details of a French publ and whether, in 1972 and the CIA had known he was ing his book about the ag The committee had asked

to concentrate on what he

done since coming to Br in 1972, and not about ev before that time, when he in South America and Eur Duriog the afternoon Agee began reading an 85-p. statement. He told the pathat the CIA had attempted discredit him and that Brit intelligence services had me tored his movements in Brit Bugged typewriter": Instatement Mr Agee said a while he was living at a second address in Paris a well-woman who, he later found. working for the CIA gave ! typewriter which contains directional radio transmit which would enable monit to discover his address.

The CIA had begun campaign to discredit him July, 1974. It had sprea story that while in Cuba research for his book he drunkenly revealed secret operations to a Soviet I agent. He told the panel that was not true and the

#### Often the parents approve. 1974, did so with their parents' In many cases they disapprove knowledge but without their but cannot make their children consent. The parents were unplayed no part in the number of unjustified long absences. The survey's findings, Mr Galloway writes, "suggest that the reasons for poor attendance lie primarily in artitudes in the go to school. able or unwilling to make their The survey, of absences of children return to school. That situation also accounted for between three and seven weeks a term, carried out by Mr David Galloway, senior educaabout a sixth of the persistent absences in primary schools. school and the home". Trends in Education, December, 1976 (Stationery Office, 35p).

Members of the all-party sentation to be adopted for the first elections to the Scottish and Welsh assemblies yesterday announced that a campaign is being launched to try to persuade more MPs to vote for the proposal during the devolution Bill committee stage.

In the last session of Parliament only 47 MPs signed an early-day motion in favour of the system, and there is no sign of a big growth in support. That is why the Campaign

for a Representative Assembly in Scotland is issuing thousands of pamphlets asking people to write to their MPs urging them to vote for the amendment. It o vote for the amendment. It as established campaigning roups in 50 of Scotland's 71 arliamentary constituencies.

At a London press conference

To back the proposal.

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Parents approved of their

assemblies would be free to choose their own systems for later elections (each assembly being elected for a fixed term of four years), subject to rati-fication in the Westminster Par-

29 in Scotland (14 in Wales, making up a total of 50 members for the Welsh assembly) would be allocated to the would be allocated to the parties in order to make the representation proportional to the votes. Parties not getting 5 per cent of the votes would not get into the deal."

vote should be allowed on the issue; then more Conservative

ting Wales out of the devolution Bill tomorrow night it would be disastrous for Wales and extremely damaging to the Labour Party, Mr Enrys Jones, secretary of the Welsh Labour Party, said yesterday in a letter to the 22 Welsh Labour MPs (Trevor Fishlock writes from Cardiff). He urged them to use

Mr Kershaw thought a free referendum.

### Comprehensive school parents to be consulted Tameside Council, Greater Manchester, which has been

asked by Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to submit its proposals for comprehensive education in six months' time, will consult parents and hold meetings in the district to find out parents' views before the council approves any scheme.

Meanwhile, this year's selection at Tameside is going ahead. On Friday pupils in primary schools will be taking a written

### Television series on Edward VIII

A television series on events-leading up to the abdication of Edward VIII is included in drama plans for the independent network over the next two

years.
Mr Jeremy Isaacs, director of programmes for Thames Television, said yesterday that seven one-hour programmes were being prepared for production in 1978.

### Nine accused of fraud plot

persons induced to invest in the House of Caracalla by making false claims.

Stewart de Quincey Walker, aged 51, a marine engineer, of Phillimore Place, Kensington, was released on bail of £15,000. Bail was also granted to the

other defendants.

### Today Sun sets: 4.16 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 10.55 am 12.58 am tomorrow

Last quarter: 7.55 pm.
Lighting up: 4.46 pm to 7.31 am.
High water: Loudon Bridge, 5.49
am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 6.27 pm, 6.8m
(12.4ft). Avonmouth, 11.23 am,
11.9m (38.9ft); 11.51 pm, 11.2m
(36.7ft). Dover, 3.4 am, 6.5m
(21.2ft); 3.38 pm, 6.0m (19.8ft).
Hull. 10.40 am, 6.4m (21.1ft);
10.47 pm, 6.7m (22.1ft). Liverpool,
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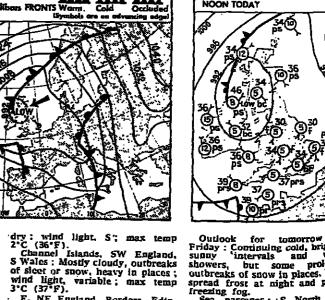
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ; f, fair ; r, rain ; s, sun ; si, sleet ; sn, snow.



Outlook Friday: Continuing cold, bright sunny intervals and with showers, but some proton outbreaks of snow in places. W wind light, variable; max temp 3°C (3°F).

E. NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee. Aberdeen: Freezing fog patches clearing slowly, mainly dry, perhaps sleet or snow showers near coasts later: wind light, perhaps SE later; max temp 2°C (36°F).

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N Wales. NW England. Lake
District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Freezing fog patches clearing slowly, occasional sleet or snow showers, heavy in places; wind light, hecoming SW; max temp 2°C (35°F).

Cantral Biokhartet London: Temp: max, 6 am 6 pm, 3°C (37°F); min, 6 pn 6 am. 2°C (36°F). Humidin pm. 73 per cent. Raln, 24hr 6 pm, nil. Sun. 24hr to 6 nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 995.5 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

### Campaign for PR vote to new assemblies yesterday six of the cam-paign's leaders, Mr John Mackintosh, Labour MP for Berwick and East Lothian; Mr Political Correspondent

tional psychologist, for the City

group campaigning for the additional member system (AMS) of proportional representations of proportional representation representations of proportional repres Scottish Labour Party MP for Ayrshire South, and Mr George Thompson, Scottish National Party MP for Galloway, seem

MP for Berwick upon Tweed; Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Conservative MP for Edinburgh, Pent-lands; Mr James Sillars,

recognize that their chances But they believe that the

of winning a majority for their proposal first time round are House of Lords, by a substantial majority, will write proportional representation provisions into the Bill, and when it is returned to the Commons for agreement or disagreement many more MPs will be ready

changes in constituency boun-

After the first election the liament.

"We looked for the system that would not be administra-tively difficult. Mr Mackin-tosh said. "There would be an assembly of 100 members. For each existing parliamentary constituency there would be one member, and voting would be by the existing system. That would result in 71 members being elected in Scotland.

"The additional members,

would support the amendment. Mr Beith said the Liberal Party had tabled an amendment favouring the single transferable vote system. If that failed, the Liberals would certainly support the amendment.
"Fight Tories" call: If the Conservatives succeeded in cut-

all their influence to defeat the

Torv attack. Fifteen of the 22 seem certain to support the Govern-ment's policy. How the seven anti-devolutionists in the Welsh Labour group will vote remains to be seen, although some of them feel happier because the issue will be the subject of a

### One man fights council over Shetland 'UDI'

Lerwick Mr James Johnson is the solitary Scottish nationalist on Shetland Islands Council, a lone opposing voice on a local authority grown aggressively protective about the benefits it bas negociated over oil and suspicious about the implica-tions of a Scottish assembly. Today the council will sug-

gest amendments to the devolution Bill which strengthen

constitutional

From Ronald Faux

Shetland's

Shetland's constitutional position against any attempt to take over its oil revenues, which might provide more than £50m by the end of the century. In an ever growing string of options designed to match the degree of devolution Scotland achieves, the council is also considering ways of removing Shetland from the influence of the Scottish assembly. The ultimate sanction could be to secure a status similar to that which the Faeroes have with

Denmark, or the Isle of Man with Britain.

Such 'a development might damage the economic hopes of the Scottish National Party since it would remove the large oilfields in the East Shetland basin which provide more than half the British requirements. It would also remove the revenues from the coffers of any independent Scottish parliament. Mr Johnson launched himself

Mr Johnson launched himself into island politics four years ago at the age of 71 because he disagreed with the Shetland Islands Council policy over oil developments which have radically affected island life.

"I said then that the council had an avaidate for its periods." had no mandate for its actions and I believe the same is true now, with these threats of declaring UDI or boycotting the assembly ", he said.

"It would be disastrous if they succeeded because the power to legislate over many areas, including harbours, education, health and sea transport, would pass to the assembly. If Shetland had no representative it would not have a say in these matters in Edinburgh."

Eight men and a woman were remanded at Clerkenwell Magi-strates' Court. London, yester-day, until April 19, charged with conspiring between June, 1973, and March, 1975, to defraud

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### Judge jails Malaysian heiress and her lover for 14 years for trafficking in Chinese heroin

A Malaysian heiress and her lover, described by Judge Wong while she was safely in Argyle, QC, as being up to their necks in heroin trafficking, were given, 14-year fail sentences at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Li Jagfar Mah also had two gues canadia of billing and one gues canadia of billing and one gues canadia of billing and one guest canadia of billing and one guesties.

The judge said Shing ("May") Wong aged 30, and her lover, Li Jaafar Mah, aged 26, headed a conspiracy to supply Chinese heroid between May and October, 1975, and were spreaders of crime, dis-

were spreaders of crime, disease, corruption and even death. He told Miss Wong: "When your tiny shadow fell on Gerrard Street, metaphorically the whole street was darkened and you and your confederate walked through the valley of the shadow of death."

Their sales are to and fellows.

Their sales agent and fellow conspirator, Molly Yeow, aged 32, of Montpelier Grove, Kentish Town, London, was jailed for 10 years. The judge told her that she might be regarded as the chief of staff, responsible for the collection of information and distribution of the data. the collection of information and distribution of the drug.

Before dealing with Miss Wong and Li Jaafar Mah, who lived in Sr Mary's Avenue, Finchley, London, and Miss Yeow, the judge sentenced 11 other people, all but one of them Chinese, who had been found with the characteristic of or pleaded guilty to guilty of or pleaded guilty to offences connected with Chinese

He rold Miss Wong and Li Jaafar Mah: "You two were undoubtedly the ringleaders in this particular unit which was involved in the distribution of diamorphine [Chinese heroin].

"You Man, are a man of previous good character, but

Li Jaafar Mah also had two guns capable of killing, and one had been fired.

had been fired.

The judge told Miss Wong he was taking into account in the sentence that she had spent a long time in custody and had helped the police with information not divulged in open court. But he added: "You were born with a golden spoon in your mouth and have taken by way of education as good, if not the best, as this country can offer."

Medical evidence was unanihous that heroin was a drug
with a very definite use,
especially in cases of terminal
cancer; "but you and those for
whom you worked have abused

You claimed to have infiltrated this criminal organization to avenge the murder of your father, a murder for which I am told seven men have aiready been judicially executed. "I cannor judge the truth in is. What is certain is that

unlike the police from Vine Street, who also infiltrated the criminal organization, vou did it to make money while they did it to prevent crime. "The evidence of the doctor

from Hongkong about the dangerous nature of diamorphine and evidence of the deaths of American soldiers on leave from Vietnam shows the sort of goods in which you were dealie 3."

Li Jaafar Mah was also given three-year and one-year senwhen your business got into debt you took up this type of crime at the highest level.

"In the course of your mitigation, it was accepted that you were the commander and life in the commander and life

Settences passed on the other 11 defendants were: Lop Sing Lai, aged 39, of no fixed address, a native of Hongkong, mine years, on being found guilty of the main conspiracy and pleading guilty to three charges of unlawfully supplying the drug to other people;

supplying the drug to other people;
Chi Sang, aged 53, a Hongkong property owner, of Bassein Park Road, Shepherds Bush, Loudon, seven years, on being found guilty of the conspiracy and pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply;
Peter Po Huat Lee, aged 25, a Malaysian, of Westmortand Road, Walworth, seven years, on being bound guilty of the conspiracy; John Benito Ritchie, aged 36, a native of Hongkong, of Fentiman Road, Lambeth, seven years, after pleaded guilty to two charges of possessing for supply; Chin Keong (Mervyn) Yong, aged 23, of Milson Road, West Kensington, seven years, on pieading guilty to two charges of possession for supply; Man Hung Fung, aged 35, of Chelmer Road, Hackney, six years, on being found guilty of conspiracy;
Andrew Edward Franco, aged

on being found guilty of conspiracy;

Andrew Edward Franco, aged 34, of Hougkoug and Northend Road, West Kensingon, six years, on pleading guilty to three charges on possession for supply; Richard Blanchard, aged 22, an Australian, of Broadway, Yarley, Peterborough, five-and-a-half years, on pleading guilty to two charges of supplying the drug to another person and including six months for breach of a suspended sentence: Chung Kong Wong, aged 24, a Malaysian, of Fraser Street, Chiswick, five years, on pleading guilty to two charges of possession for supply;

Voon Him Lim, aged 23, a Malaysian, of Milman Road, West Hampstead, four years, on pleading guilty to two charges of possessing with intent to supply; Richard Tse, aged 26, of Lansdown Road, Bournemouth, three years, on pleading guilty to polyaction

Road. Bournemouth, three years, on pleading guilty to unlawful possession of the drug.

The judge deferred dealing with Stephen Chow Mann, aged 20, a native of Hongkong, of North Road, Barking, Essex.



Sir Paul Reilly, Director of the Design Council, holding a royal silver jubilee mug designed by Lord Snowdon. In selecting items for display the judges looked for imaginative ideas and good use of materials.

### 2,000 view jubilee souvenirs

souvenirs manufactured to commemorate the Queen's silver jubilee on its opening day at the London Design Centre yesterday. Several lines of goods

craftsmanship.

The products on display range from a limited edition of basalt and gold Wedgwood mugs costing £75 each to cufflinks, can-openers and, for the painstaking, a jigsaw which assembles to reveal the score

approval has been granted to "a version of a Victorian peep show showing her Majesty's

prestige, any company can pur-chase the right to use the silver jubilee symbol for £10, half of which is given to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal, aimed at encouraging young people to undertake community projects. A glut of souvenirs is expected. Not all those on display at the Design Centre measure up readily to the high standard. A children's silver jacket somewhat akin to a space suit was found, much to the consterna-tion of the organizers, to have "Made in Italy" prominently embossed on it, although the manufacturer was quick to rectify that technical hitch. A gaudy souvenir T-shirt might perhaps find more wearers at

Monarch Products Ltd. across, a bargain at £5.50.

Mr Sharp was "appallingly jealous" of Mr Emami and

possible to decide whether ship-repairing companies should be included in the list for nationalization failing firm evidence about what work the

# restrain food prices

By Hugh Clayton

Consumer groups formed an unprecedented alliance with the Government yesterday against higher food prices. They re-ported enthusiastically that Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agri-culture, Fisheries and Food, had assured them that "spiralling food prices would be held back

Minister promises to

Mr Michael Young, chairman of the Government-appointed National Consumer Council, said after representatives of 20 asso-ciations had met Mr Silkin that they wanted to form a united front with consumer groups throughout the EEC against un-necessarily high farm-support

We are not against the Common Market", Mr Young said. Mrs Joan Mackintosh, deputy chairman of the council, "There is no question of bashing farmers. Let us get the equilibrium right between the interests of farmers and

Those who lobby ministers of agriculture customarily make statements to reporters afterwards on the steps of the min-istry. Mr Young and his team were given a large conference

Even more remarkably, they gave an account of what Mr Silkin had said which was more revealing than his own laconic statement issued through officials. That said: "The consumer groups have reemphasized some points on which my view is already known, includ-ing the need to hold down com-mon agricultural policy support

Mr Silkin also said, according to Mr Young, "the more noise we make the better". The minister had not said that he would stagger the remaining transitional steps to full Com-

Delay over

Preliminary hearings concern-

ing the possibility that the Aircraft and Shipbuilding

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill is hybrid are

expected to continue at least

until next week. That will increase delays in passing the

legislation and implementing

Hearings by the Examiners of

Private Bills in the Lords began on December 20, and after the

Christmas adjournment resumed

vesterday. After vesterday's session Mr Hugh Gamon, for the Government said: "We

are getting concerned about the

Bill issue

By a Staff Reporter

nationalization.

rimetable.

munity price levels for two years, but he had condemned the system for creating food irrespective of whether shop-pers wanted to buy it.

This is the last year in which British food prices move unwards in stages towards full EEC levels under the terms of accession agreed in 1973. Mr Young said those movements alone would add for a pound to the soring and again butter in the spring and again in the autumn and Ip to a large loaf. He thought those rises would add enough to farmers incomes without the need for more increases at the imminent Community price-fixing.

There was only one point on which Mr Silkin had not given the groups all they wanted. They had sought an assurance that the Government would not accept a devaluation of the egreen pound", the device with which EEC farm prices are

expressed in sterling.

Mr Young quoted the minister again: "He said that this, of course, is a bareaining counter in coming negotiations, and that he would use this barraining counter for the henefit gaining counter for the benefit of the nation as a whole." Further support for the minister's policy came from the

processing industry. The Cocoa, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance, which represents the largest makers of sweets in the country, said that British far-mers did not need further increases in support prices for

Increases have kept well shead of the cost of living over the past three years, and au average yield will provide the beet-grower with an adequate return. There is no reason to give farmers financial incen-tives so that they will increase their area under sugar beet and produce surpluses."

### Six-month deadie deadline for 20 mor schools

By Our Education

Mrs Williams, Secreti State for Education Science, is to give abo more local education auth a six-month deadline nex: to produce plans for comprehensive.

The list of anthorities I to be made final befor Williams announces in House of Commons her f step in the drive to p Education Act, 1976, into

tion. The list will be divide three grouns. The first ca will include Bolton and other authorities, which Williams feels have no was comprehensive. They added to the eight authorities, which receives ix-month deadline last I ber: Buckinghamshire. side. Kingston moon T)
Essex. Trafford, Sutton and Redbridge.

The second category reive the dendline will it those authorities although they have way to reorganize their's as comprehensives still of them is Devon. and Williams's new directive aimed at Plymouth and T authorities that have gon-

nletely comprehensive for the individual gra school run as a volunter or controlled school. The target will be Birmic where there are four Edward's grammar school in the state sector, and W

### Call for closure of illegal gambling clubs

Unlicensed gambling clubs in Soho, London, should be closed immediately by the police, Judge Argyle, QC, said at the Central Criminal Court.

These were the dens of drug smuggling, the judge said, and their existence should be brought to the attention of Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. They were the cause of misery connected with the supply and trade in heroin. Ironically, the judge con-

tiqued, there appeared to be no satisfactory law that enabled the police to close the clubs until they became officially liceused. If the will was there there were ways in which the police could put them out of

Two detectives, Kenneth Beever and Anthony Headon, both sergeants attached to Vine police station, were assigned to infiltrate the left her husband and children Chinese quarter of Soho. For to insinuate herself into an

new post in the Communist Party's industrial department.

will succeed Mr Bert Ramelson as the party's national indus-

raises speculation that he

rard Street, pretending to be in the drug business.

Eventually they were accepted as genuine "pushers". At much personal risk of violence

Once inside the organization the two officers were surprised to find that one of its two leaders was a beautiful Malay-sian woman, May Wong, aged 30, a former pupil of Roedean, who completed her education at a finishing school in Ken-

to themselves and their families they slowly became the two vital "inside men" the police needed to smash the racket.

before becoming a model.

She had come to London, she said, and trailed a gang of Triads, a Chinese secret society, who she believed had been responsible for the murder of her father, a wealthy bullion dealer, four years earlier. She

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months they sauntered around international drug smuggling the streets converging on Gerrard Street, pretending to be in her father's killers. She went to Singapore where,

she met Li Mah, who she believed could lead her to the men behind her father's murder. Seven men had already been convicted and executed for killing her father but she was sure that the man who ordered his death was

While working in London for the gang she was banking up to £900 a day and frequently going to Singapore with suitcontaining money in secret compartments to buy more drugs.

some of her associates had been hurt in a road accident. She made a telephone call to Soho and was told they were gravely ill, she flew back to London and was arrested at of "God Save the Queen". A Heathrow airport. The man she had spoken to on the telephone has yet to receive the orficial

By Peter Godfrey More than two thousand people visited an exhibition of were sold out.
The exhibits were admired

by many British visitors but received more quizzical scrutiny from foreigners. All agreed that the products made by sixty companies, selected by a design panel chaired by the Prince of Wales, achieved in most cases a high degree of

was one of the two detectives. sanction. But the seal of

show showing her Majesty's coronation procession coming down The Mall".

Although the products exhibited will enjoy special company can pursue any company can pursue to a special company can

rock concerts Appropriately, in these devolutionary days, leather beer mats are available decorated with either an English or Scot tish crown. Perhaps the last chuckle will go to Laughing Penzance, which produced a pewter dish only three inches

> During yesterday's session Mr T. G. Talbot, QC, one of the examiners, said he hoped the argument would be on agreed facts. However, Mr Christopher Bailey, of Bristol Channel Ship Repairers, said that if the Department of Industry was saying that cer-tain matters were factual it had to prove its case.
>
> Mr Bailey did not think it

companies were doing.

Under this year's new law, Mitbestimmung in an adapted

form now applies to all com-

panies with 2,000 or more em-ployees, or West Germany's 600 to 650 largest companies.

differs from Montan-Mitbestim-mung in that it does not give workers parity with manage-ment on supervisory boards.

Three provisions give capital

New-model Mithestimmung

### Man getting £31 benefit 'was offered £33 jobs'

A man who has not worked since 1973 complained that he terday for a similar offe was sent after jobs offering persistently neglecting to tain himself in consequen £33 a week when he was drawing £31 a week in benefits for himself and his wife and two children, Old Street Magis-trates Court, London, was told

yesterday.
Mr Basil Corcos, prosecuting on behalf of the Post Office, said Anil Paul, aged 46, had told a Department of Employment official: "Find me a £60 a week job and I'll go after it." Mr Paul, a turner, living is a council flat in Stanway Street. a council flat in Stanway Street,
Hoxton, was sentenced to a
mouth's imprisonment in December, 1975, for neglecting to
maintain himself, Mr Corcos
give you a chance to de
strate this change of thou

However, after discussion representatives of those who seek to prove that the Bill is hybrid and thus requires a lengthy procedure in the Lords, it became clear that there is no real prospect of there is no real prospect of completing the hearings this

elects the management board that runs the company from day to day, has absolute parity between capital and labour, with a neutral chairman.

Under this year's new law, Mitbestimmung in an adapted that runs the management board that runs the company from day companies, but were prevented by constitutional difficulties and by the opposition of their coalition partners, the Free Democrats. As new-model Mitbestimmung came into force on July 1, it is too early the provinces.

yesterday. Police officers arrested two

had two firearms.

new town.

to say whether it is a success.

An important provision in both forms of the system is that workers interests must be represented on the manage-

ment board by a labour direc-

tor who controls personnel and social policy. The works constitution law also applies to all plants owned by concerns large enough to have Mithestimpurge at the top

There is no concrete evidence that Mithestimmung has improved labour relations, but

plenty that the works constitu-

tion law has done so. That

less spectacular but much more widespread form of industrial democracy is one of

the main reasons for West German prosperity and indus-

trial peace.

bestimmung at the top.

which benefit was award meet his needs between ; 15 and July 22 lest yea pleaded guilty and was enced to three months

years.
Mr Paul said through lawyer that if he took in of the jobs offered ue be worse off after fares expenses. He had been employed until 1973 and ized that he would have

### Two to appear after £150,000 Scots bank raid

Airdrie Sheriff Court, Strathclyde, today in connexion with a robbery in which more than E150,000 was stolen from the Royal Bank of Scotland at Cumbernauld, near Glasgow,

men near Stirling after road blocks had been ser up. Mr James Binnie, Assistant Chief Constable, Crime, of Strathclyde, said the stolen money had been recovered, as

The robbery was at a bank on the edge of Cumbernauld

### Pop group described

Mr Alan Dunn, road manag of the Rolling Stones p group was asked at Aylesbu Crown Court, Buckinghamshi yesterday if the group w ever given drugs by their fa Mr Dunn was giving evider for the defence during the to of Keith Richard, aged 33, b guitarist with the group, v has pleaded not guilty to t charges of possessing LSD

Mr Dunn said in reply to Bruce Laughland, for the or cution, that fans proffered & when they came face to with the group. It was im sible to say whether they p fered LSD. Mr Laughland: Did t

often proffer gifts of Victor Mr Dunn : The range of 1 was enormous. It is a p

Mr Laughland alleges Mr Richard wore a silver or lace round his neck will silver tube attached use spiffing cocaine. Mr Ian Stewart, of Bans

fan had put a drug into pocket of any member of group but he had known it pen "generally" in the pa If members of the group

Norfolk population

Road. Banstead. Surrey, had been connected with Rolling Stones since the gro formation in 1963, said he c not give any instance when

to force their way through to torce their way through
it was possible that in
could be put in their pod
Criticizing the police,
Peter Rawlinson, QC.
Richard's counsel, said
you think that if you or I
been stopped for some dri
offence or other we would
been stripped and searche
The trial continues roday

The rate of growth of population of Norfolk by is expected to increase 50,000 to more than 700,00 much slower rate because the economic climate.

# mrial organizer. Mr Costello, aged 40, is expected to take up his new position in two months' time. He has been the communist daily in the communist student move-

newspaper's leading journalist ment in Prague.

old Edith

# Make this year a happy one for lonely

Every day in 1977 she expects to spend utterly alone. The only voices she will hear are the occasional official caller, or on her few visits to the shops. The radio is her only company.

The heartache of loneliness is hard to bear; depressing and damaging to health. Yet one thing could transform life for Edith, and other old people in her district
—a Day Centre. Where she could find friendship and

The tragic plight of old people like Edith is easily forgotten amidst all the other problems of our day. The years are running out for them.

This is why Help the Aged has agreed to help raise the money for an urgently needed new Geriatric Day Hospital—to be part of the Central Middlesex Hospital; the total cost of which will be £280,000. Sir Francis Avery Jones and the medical staff at the Central Middlesex Hospital commend the project.

Thanks to dedicated volunteers Help the Aged is able to achieve a great deal with every  $\pounds$  donated, both at home and overseas.

£5 can bring practical help to another lonely person.

£30 can help towards a new Geriatric unit. £150 perpetuates the memory of someone dear to you, by inscribing their name on the Dedication Plaque of a Day Centre in Britain.

£100 names a hospital bed in Asia.

Your donation is desperately needed to help old people. So please use the FREEPOST facility and address your gift to: Hon. Treasurer, the Rt. Hon. Lord Maybray-King, Help the Aged, Room T2, FREE-POST 37, LONDON W1E 6UZ (No stamp needed).

\*Please let us know if you would like your gift used

### 'Morning Star' man's post | Man to be cleared of landlady blackmail

Farzad Emami, aged 23, an Alvina Piramoun, a fellow ranian student, is to be cleared Iranian student, out of £200. on industrial affairs for more Mr Michael Costello, in-dustrial correspondent of the dustrial correspondent of the been confirmed by the party Iranian student, is to be cleared of blackmailing his landlady with ropless photographs. Judge leadership, is seen as a first Polson, QC, said at Exeter step towards the national organizer's job. Mr Ramelson is nearly 67 Crown Court that there was Before he became an indus-

insufficient evidence on the charge of making an unwarranted demand with menaces of £50 from Mrs Denise Sharp, aged 25.

The judge said the jury would also be asked to return a miler product on the a not guilty verdict on the charge of blackmailing Miss

Holiday refunds

as the pound

grows stronger

a 2 per cent refund on brochure

prices. People leaving on flights

later this week may expect re-funds of up to £4.

should not expect refunds. Win-ter holiday prices had been set

against the pound's value last March and sterling had fallen

far since then. -Laker Air Travel announced

Social Services Correspondent

The Department of Health

The Department of Health and Social Security is considering what action may be necessary in the light of inaccuracies in the Children Act, 1975, disclosed by Mr Hugh Rossi, an opposition spokesman on the environment. But the department takes the view that the published form of the Act is the law, until challenged.

The inaccuracies in the pub-lished form of the Act concern

a section limiting the right of a local authority to remove a

child from a foster-home when the foster-parents or another

summer advance charters to America.

The decisions came after legal submissions by Mr Monrague Waters, QC, defence counsel. Mr Emami still faces three charges of blackmail; one against Mrs Sharp's husband, Neil, and two against Miss Piramoun. The court has been told that

Mr Emanni made love to Mrs Sharp after taking what the Crown described as mildly pornographic photographs of her.

round the house trying to catch them together, it was stated. Mrs Margaret Sharland, of Newtoo Abbot, a friend of the Sharps, said: "Mr Sharp had three loaded shotguns in the house and he [Mr Emami] was frigotened that Mrs Sharp could be shot. Mrs Sharp agreed that she also was afraid that her husband might shoot

The trial continues today.

### Industrial democracy 3: Factory councils have influential role

### Foundation of good relations in West Germany Many holidaymakers may re-ceive refunds on overseas sum-mer visits because of the strengthening pound. Two small holiday companies announced cheaper holidays or added

Legally guaranteed enforced participation enforced participation by workers in running their place extras for their clients yesterof work is almost universal in of work is almost universal in both public and private sectors in West Germany, and is regulated by four seminal statutes. They are: the law on worker participation in the coal, iron and steel industries (Montan-Mitbestimmung) of 1951, the works constitution law of 1952 (as amended in 1972), the personnel representation law of 1955 and the law on (general) worker participation (newmodel Mitbestimmung) of 1976. While foreign interest tends day.

Ibiza Tourism, which expects to send about 15,000 tourists to the island this year, aunounced Another company, John Hill Travel, which specializes in villa holidays in Portugal, is paying for maids to do its clients' washing up.
Mr Harry Chandler, chairman of the Association of British Travel Agents, the tour operators' council, said the pound was gaining most against Italian, Spanish and Portuguese currencies. But winter holidaymakers should not expect refunds. Win-

While foreign interest tends to focus on Mitbestimmung, the works constitution law is the true foundation of industrial democracy in West Germany and deserves to be examined first. The personnel representation law is effectively an adaptation of it to suit the public sector. suit the public sector.

It applies to all firms with five or more employees. In general there are exceptions, it requires a works with 500 more employees to set up a Laker Air Travel automate that it would extend to cover its advance booking

Ministry studies Children Act errors

through.

family apply to adopt the child. in tied cottages, can be valid

standing committee on the Children Bill in the Commons, but the amended form was lost

between the committee stage and the third reading.

Because the amended section was not presented at the third reading the Bill cleared all remaining stages without it.

Towards the end of the 1975 session, when there was pressure to complete a number of measures, the Bill was rushed

Mr Rossi has questioned whether both the Children Act and the Rent (Agriculture) Act, dealing with farmworkers

member in three must come than a thousand workers. The ruling Social Democrats from, or represent the shop There the supervisory board, wanted to extend Montanfloor.

Which, among other things, Mithestimmung to the largest companies, but were prevented floor.

They are elected for three

years by the works assembly of all the staff. The other two thirds are elected by shareholders from the management.
Although the workers are outnumbered by two to one, they
may consult their union, whose representative has absolute right of access to the plant if he tells the employer he is coming.
If there is a dispute neither

unilateral action. The management cannot order a change, nor can the workers down tools. Arbitration must be sought.

The council has the right to determine working conditions, notice periods, starting times, breaks, social matters and the like, and the duty to ensure that industrial legislation is

side on the council can take

applied in the works to the benefit of the work force.

Mitbestimmung works at company rather than factory level, and originally affected or more employees to set up a only companies in the coal, iron works council, on which one and steel industries with more

lished without amendments passed by Parliament. The Government has promised a short Bill to amend the Rent (Agriculture) Act to correct the discrepancies.

The department is taking

legal advice on whether a similar measure will be neces-sary to correct the Children

The purpose of the amend-

ment was to make clear that the restrictions on removing a child from a foster-home apply when a child is in the care of one local authority while the prospective adopter lives in

Three provisions give capital the final say. First, the chairman of the supervisory board cannot be elected against shareholders' wishes; second, he has a casting vote in a deadlock; and third, although the board of 12 to 20 members, depending on the size of the firm, is theoretically equally divided between management and workers, at least one on and workers, at least one on the workers side must be a

Information on conveyancing fees suggested

By Our Legal Correspondent
The British Property Federation has proposed that solicitors
should be allowed to publicize
information on their scale
charges for domestic conveyanc-

In evidence to the Royal Commission on Legal Services the federation says the legal profession should continue to have a monopoly on some property conveyancing work. But there was room to extend the practice of delegating many duties not requiring the services of a fully qualified solicitor.

### Labour call for Chile match to be cancelled

To be concluded

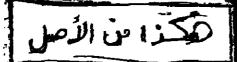
The Labour Party's inter-national committee is asking ministers to bring pressure on the Scottish Football Association to cancel Scotland's match against Chile at Santiago in

Mr Ian Mikardo, MP, chairman of the committee, said yes-terday: "This match would be Played at the stadium which was a concentration camp,
"Many people were held
there before being taken away
to their deaths. We do not
think that Britain should be
playing football in that place".
The committee is to ask Mr

Crosland. Foreign Secret Mr Howell, minister res. sible for sport, and McElhone, Scottish mini responsible for sport, to 1 the Football Association to off the fixture.
The international commi

has also unanimously adol a resolution criticizing Soviet Union for holding l tical prisoners. It said that exchange of Mr Vladi Bukovsky, the Soviet dissid for a Chilean political prise was the first admission by Soviet Union that it had I





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# deadling implifying air fares decline schools nquiry will be told Schools nquiry will be told of the money for the lower fares would come, the committee government has not, and and server are server and some server are some some server are some some server ar

Firitish Airways is to tell an to produce the ming in London this morning Compression of the sterling prices charged The interest the United Kingowa in the many increased, if looked at from the many increased, if nother Eurostandpoint of other Euro national airlines.

If there is a jungle in one of the contents of the regulatory ten, but found in the regulatory ten, not in fare policies,

Land cirish Calcdonian, the leadindependent airline, is to mit to the inquiry that pro-els to simplify European fares would lead to fares with a raised rather than falling many travellers within

thing ope.

he inquiry is to be held over

he he inquiry is to be held over days by the Civil Aviation hority, after a report by the ine Users' Committee, which ged that the present struc-

he committee said that air s in Europe were a jungle, sting out that there were 31 malaga, with fares ranging med in £228 to £63.50 return, cannot be time of year class of travel.

r proposed a simplified tariff proposed a simple of travel: plesale rates to tour organi-3. Some fares would go inclus yn, but others, notably firsting ing s, would rise sharply. Most fares.

would come, the committee said, from putting an end "bucket shop" market uky into European air fares for airtickets which, in London alone, had an annual turnover

> British Airways' case to the inquiry today is that European fares are soundly based, with normal economy fares, in general, not overpriced. Most European fares were reasonably related to costs incurred by scheduled airlines operating in Europe.

Its revenue share in Europe in 1977-78 was expected to be nearly £350m, of which £210m should be in foreign currency earnings. Reducing normal fares in Europe could only lessen those earnings and pass a travel subsidy, through losses, from Britons to foreigners who were not greatly in need of one.

That, British Airways says, would conflict with government objectives and with national interest and common sense.

British Caledonian will submit that the committee's recommendations do not represent a realistic or workable means of changing the present structure of European air fares.

Reducing differentials between normal and promotional fares would mean fare increases having to be borne by that segment of the market least able to afford higher air fares: those using scheduled services for inclusive tour holidays and tak-

government has not, as was hoped, improved "the en-vironmental field", the Civic Trust for the North West says.

Launching a guidance booklet for amenity societies battling with local authorities, Professor Graham Ashworth, Professor of Urban Environmental Studies at Salford University and executive chairman of the trust, said in Manchester yesterday: "The evidence is that extended bureaucracy, protracted decision-making pro-cedures and a persistent basic insensitivity on the part of members and officials is resulting, if anything, in a decline of

than an impryement." The booklet is intended to guide the amenity societies which, according to Professor Ashworth, gave a breathing space to local authorities during the reorganization period, as a consequence have lost some of their initiative.

He said the time had come for them to reactivate them-selves and fight against such offences as the creation of outof-scale buildings, the un-necessary felling of trees, and the despolation of conservation areas by unnecessary signs and lighting standards.

Professor Ashworth said that since local government re-organization it seemed to take twice as long to get a decision on any planning matter. Ask (Civic Trust for the North-West, 56 Oxford Street, Man-chester, £2.50).

Television too demanding a medium for inexperienced entertainers to be given series, expert says

BBC chief denies that talent is ignored

By Kenneth Gosling People who maintained that a vast amount of untapped entertaining talent in Britain was ignored by television got a short answer yesterday from the man in charge of light

entertainment for BBC television.
"I am afraid I just don't believe it", Mr William (Bill) Cotton said in a BBC lunch-

time lecture. He said that, especially after holiday periods, letters were sent in by people who said they had seen "in some tavern in Spain" a singer, comedian or group much better than "the rubbish you see or taken. the rubbish you see on televi-

were not people who might be able to entertain on television to a high standard. But the demands of television were enormous, and it was the corporation's responsibility to make sure that an artist was not committed to a series until he or she had the ability and experience to sustain that sort of exposure. On the other hand, it was vital to keep an open mind

He did not argue that there

to watch for anything was new and possible to develop on television. Mr Cotton also had some thing to say about the ratings

Mr Michael Martin, aged 28,

of Canterbury, was killed in an

earth fall while working in an

excavation near the A229 at

Labourer killed

Bridgewood, yesterday.

agance that were levelled against the BBC. "I have always believed that any entertainment programme that attracts an audience of

Mr William Cotton: Neces-

sary to keep an open mind.

and about charges of extrav-

about 10 million is more than earning its keep, and the cri-terion that we should apply is as much the enjoyment that people derive from the programme as the number people who watch it.

Gas leaks shut school

More than 300 children at,

Belmont infants' school, Guis-

borough, Cleveland, were given

yesterday off because of gas

public service broadcasting syscharge of the output should be able to produce programmes for minority interests with as much enthusiasm as programmes for popular tastes."

Another criticism was lavishness, often levelled, Mr Cotton said, at the cost of £1,000 might be built, and no one complained; but if three dresses costing £100 each were bought for a female artist people thought it was irre-

But the dresses might be a better investment than the scenery surrounding such artists as Shirley Bassey or Petula Clark.

When the first script arrived for The Good Life, it was obvious that someone's garden in suburbia would have to be dug up, and equally obvious that it would have to be re-placed at the end of the series. It was also clear that if the first six programmes succeeded it would have to be dug up again. That had happened, but it had still been much cheaper than building a set on a film lot. More important, it had given the series the realism given the series the realism vital for its success.

British Rail Sealink is to cut

by £2 the fare for United King-

dom drivers and passengers on

Dover-Folkestone and Boulogne

Sealink fares cut

Acas denies 'bullying' equal-pay applicants

By Diana Geddes Home Affairs Reporter

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) vesterday rejected allegations that its officials had "bullied" women into withdrawing their cases complaining of infringe-ments of the Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts.

In a report published yesterday, on the first year of opera-tion of the two Acts, the National Council for Civil Liberties refers to 606 cases out of 2,053 applications under the Equal Pay Act registered with Acas in the first eight months of 1976, which were withdrawn for reasons other than a private

Details of why those 606 cases were withdrawn were not available from Acas, the council says. Some would obviously have been dropped on advice that the applicant had no case in law. But the council had heard reports from women who said they had been "bulkied" into withdrawing their case by an Acas official who did not really understand the law him-

Mr James Mortimer, chairman of Acas, which has a statutory duty to offer its services to those applying to an industrial tribunal, has written to Miss Patricia Hewitz general secretary of the National Coun-cil for Civil Liberties: "In nearly two and a holf years of existence, I have not received a single complaint from a trade union or from anyone else that any of our staff have bullied applicants into withdrawing complaints under any of the affecting employment

"The Acas leaflet on concilia-tion, which is available to all, makes it clear that conciliation is voluntary. The conciliation officer tries to help parties reach an agreement, but he does not act as an arbitrator on the merits of the case, nor does be impose or even recom-mend a particular settlement. Settlements are the responsi-bility of the parties con-cerned."

The Equal Opportunities Commission yesterday rejected an allegation in the report that it lacked achievement during its first year of existence. Lady Howe, deputy chairman of the commission, said she felt that it had achieved much in help-ing individuals. The commission had handled more than nine thousand inquiries, of which four thousand concerned em-ployment. It had also "set the springboard" for action in a number of areas this year.

It was about to publish a sionable age. Consultative codes of practice for employers and the advertising industry were already in draft form and would

### Few benefits for unemployed

Many of Britain's 1,300,000 unemployed are receiving only supplementary benefit, Mr Orme, Minister of State for Social Security, told a Commons standing committee yesterday. Most people out of work had run out of other forms of aid, including unemployment bene-

# £31 beneficial new part of the second second

e been damaged by subsi-ce may soon find that they e to find hundreds of mds more than they expecto meet repairs, even-ugh they are insured.

tost insurance companies, o have faced claims for sub-ence damage over the past r because of the drought, e decided to require house-d holders of policies to pay excess of 3 to 5 per cent of cost of rebuilding the house 1 not, as at present, of its

louseholders whose proper are underinsured might their part of the repair to be much larger than they notice of this change in the conditions affecting the excess with the householder's policy-

renewal notice.

Insurance companies have found that many householders have not taken account of the sharp increase in building costs in assessing the value of their homes for insurance purposes. The national average building cost a square foot is now £21, up from £15 two years ago.

have found that they were paying out proportionately more to underinsured householders than to those who had made the effort to keep their insurances up to date. Hence their decision to base the excess payable by householders on the real value to be much larger than they of the home, that is, the lexpected. Most insurance rebuilding costs, rather than the upanies are now sending out insured value.

### Pon swine-day strike Home of legless! alled over lephone cuts

bour Staff
A one-day strike by 35,000
rkers in the telecommunican industry has been called
February 14 by the Elecal, Electronic, Telecommuation and Plumbing Union to test at Post Office cuts in ading on telephone ex-

nge equipment.
The union, which is seeking support of seven other ons, rays 20,000 jobs are natened.

he action will not affect phone services, as the on's members are not em-yed directly by the Post ice, Mr Roy Sanderson, the ional officer, said last night t 14,000 jobs had already lost because of reduced

in November 8 the Post ice announced a reduction £200m in its forthcoming ering levels. The unions and nufacturing companies have posed an alternative strategy olving a more aggressive rketing policy. They suggesstrapping telphone instalon charges and proposed a gle telephone tariff. A highel inquiry into the Post ice and tre relative thing. ice and its relationships h manufacturing companies been called for.

### man damaged

An elderly man without legs will have to stay at least a month longer in hospital because vandals have damaged his specially converted home at Cardenden, Kirkcaldy housing committee was rold vesterday. committee was told vesterday Electric fittings had been ripped out and the kitchen wrecked.

### £4 a day for a boring test

The Department of Employment will pay £4 a day to five applicants for an experiment at the Burden Neurological Institute, Bristol, to test how easily people get bored.

Dr Ray Cooper, the institute's scientific director, said: "In the past we have used friends, but a person can be used only once."

### Thames crossing ban

Mr John Fenny was ordered in the Divorce Court yesterday to stay south of the Thames. Mrs Sandra Ann Fenny, his former wife, had sought his imprisonment for alleged contempt of court orders requiring him to stay away from her home in Manor Court, Capel Road, Enfield, north London.

# Moifs. Nobuts. No surcharges.

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George Read, spoke of "a great possibility of er" with some models. He the British Gas Corporawas not prepared to sell service log-effect fires, aly on the ground of low

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Saturdays and Sundays
ild cost the consumer about

a quarter. Ir Arthur Corry, chairman House of Living Fires", of kport, Greater Manchester, so!! three thousand appli-is at about £100 each in

m John Chartres
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tsumers' Council yesterday
red a combined safety and
warning against open
the past year, said on behalf of
his company: "All our safety
standards conform with those
laid down in the United States,
where this type of fire was
first developed."

His company insisted on pro-per flue and ventilation provi-sions before installing the fires. He understood that another firm might have used asbestos particles but had with Fawn the material when the potential danger was pointed

Wilfred Howard, of and Newall Ltd. s manufacturers, said Mι Turner open flame log fires were sup-plied with bags of substances that when scattered on the fire created the appearance of glowing embers. Some bags did contain asbestos fibre but his company regarded that as a frivolous use of asbestos.

While it was probably not dangerous while the fire was burning, if children got hold of the material there might be difficulties. His company difficulties. His company declined to supply asbestos to gas-fire manufacturers for that

The North West Gas Board said that one type of "flame through logs" fire was approved by the board and sold in its showrooms.

It incorporated a heavy glass facing which shut the whole fire out from the room in From Our Correspondent Madrid, Jan 11

Shootings in the past two days and a rash of demonstrations in which at least two persons have died in a week have aroused fears that Spain might be on the verge of a situation, com-parable to that in Argentina, of uncontrolled and escalating

However, the Suarez Govern-ment remains calm and appears to be moving firmly towards its announced democratic goals. A negotiating team of four, representing virtually all the

opposition parties from centre to left, was received today by Señor Suarez. Opposition leaders had earlier publicly announced that their mission was to negotiate the legalization of all political parties and the broadening of the awares.

of the amnesty.

In another step towards liberalization, a special committee of the Ministry of Justice has reportedly finished its study of a proposal to abrogate the law authorizing the Government to fine or jail dissidents without trial.

out trial.
The Roman Catholic news agency Logos reported in Madrid today that, according to the proposal, jurisdiction over administrative sanctions would be transferred to ordinary

already a consensus between the Suarez Government and the democratic opposition about the need to set political prisoners free as soon as possible. It would not be surprising if the Cabinet took up the question of amnesty at its meeting this

Spansa Communist Party, the newspaper said: "It seems clear that the PCE will be able to present candidates for Parliament, either through 'electoral groups' or as independents. But there will be an legal recognition of (Señor Samiago) Carrillo's party before the spring elections, by all indications."

Terrorists seriously wounded a factory executive in the Basque country today, in the second political shooting in two

days.
Señor Gonzalo Santos Turrientes, director of safety and sanitation at the Magefesa factory of home appliances, near Bibao, was reported to be in-serious condition. Gunmen had fired at him from a parked car as he was on his way to work. He had five bullet wounds, the most serious of which were to his stomach and intestines. It is believed that the attack was carried out by the separat-ist organization ETA. Senor Santos is said to have right-wing

sympathies.
Doctors in a Madrid hospital reported today that the condi-tion of the three guards from the aircraft factory who had been shot by members of the so-called Reconstituted Com-munist Party yesterday was

spreading, the Madrid evening mass for a 15-year-old youth who newspaper, Informaciones, said died during a recent protoday: "It seems that there is mass for a 15-year-old youth who died during a recent pro-amnesty demonstration tonight turned into a huge political rally with 25,000 people shout-ing: "Amnesty" and "free-

About 60,000 workers around Bilbao, Spain's most important port, struck for the second day mnesty at its meeting this to protest against police bruta-eek." lity and the youth's death.— On pressure to legalize the Reuter.



The Freuch and British Governments agreed last night. This was already happening on the need for an early economic summit meeting with the new President of the United States, with unemployment high

Schmidt, the West German obstacles to Franco-British Chancellor, and the other lead-trade, such as time differences, ers involved. Mr Callaghan said he would be quite happy to bave it in Britain, as suggested last week by President Giscard Both countries' economic difficulties are due assentially to

then went on to see Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, before speaking at a covery".

dinuer given by the French M Barre also insisted on the dinner given by the French Chamber of Commerce.

In his speech, M Barre urged French companies to invest in Britain. "We in France are convinced", he said, "that Britain's economic future, beconvinced", he said, "that He accused French firms of Britain's economic future, be being insufficiently "aggresyond her present difficulties, is sive "in the British market, and

in North Sea oil exploration, he added, but should be extended to other sectors. He also hoped for more British investment in France, "the development of

States, with unemployment high on the agenda.

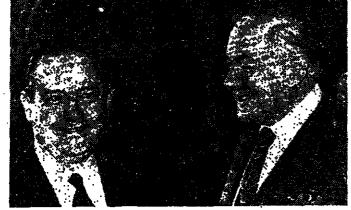
Agreement was reached at informal talks between Mr Callaghan and M Raymond Barre, the French Prime Minister, who is on a brief, private visit to London.

It was agreed that the time and place of the summit would have to be discussed with President-elect Carter, Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and the other lead-

d'Estaing if that was what other ficulties were due essentially to governments wanted; but he the over-rapid rise of producwould be equally happy to find costs and especially wage attend a meeting elsewhere.

The talks, which were very he was "convinced that the friendly, lasted an hour and a measures recently decided, as half—well beyond the time well as the financial help obscheduled for them. M Barre tained from international institutions, will make it possible to accelerate the economic re-

need to increase French exports to Britain, pointing out that British exports to France had increased very rapidly last year. very promising. Our firms underestimating its appetite for should therefore be investing French products.



M Barre with Mr Callaghan at Downing Street yesterday.

### **Burglars** break into home of murdered prince

Broglie, north-west France, Jan 11.—Burghars broke into the château of Prince Jean de Broglie, the murdered French politician, during the night, bur apparently left empty-handed.

The prince's widow was reported to have found pothing reported to have found nothing missing in a preliminary check of the library, where the burglars had entered. They forced open a drawer and a small chest and set off an alarm which made them flee.

Police sources said that the burglars appeared to be well acquainted with the lay-out of the château.—Agence France-

### War crimes man moved to

The Hague, Jan 11 Pieter Menten, aged 78, the Dutch businessman facing charges of war crimes who was extradited from Switzerland, has been transferred from the

### prison hospital From Our Correspondent

Amsterdam House of Detention to the prison hospital at Scheveningen jail. He suffers from diabetes.

The Ministry of Justice said

Four more prisoners flee as Italian jail crisis worsens

From Our Correspondent, Rome, Jan 11

While warders of Rome's Rebibbia jail stayed in their sarracks today in protest against a shortage of staff, four immates: of Benevento prison, to the south, escaped in the fourth jailbreak this year.

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Altogether 25 prisoners have committed in Altogether 25 prisoners have escaped from Italian jails this year and 23 of them are still prisoners, check parcels and supervise visits, the means by which firearms and escape aids

Altogether 25 prisoners areater freedom to elephone home, receive visits and parcels and go on leave, and parcels and go

Mr Jenkins signs his name as President of the EEC Commission for the first time after taking the oath at the European Court of Justice.

### Tributes at EEC to Mr Jenkins

policy could "serve the common good in providing stable supplies of food at reasonable prices as well as stable markets for an efficient European agricultural system ".

Discussing the growing divergence of the economies of the member states, Mr Jenkins said that it was no answer to ask
that it was no answer to ask
the strong to become less
strong, and less effectively
managed.". The Community had no business promoting an equality of weakness.

Mr Jenkins Peter Kirk described Mr Jenwent on, the willingness of the strong to help the weak, provided the latter were prepared to help themselves, was one of which much was expected. EEC became, the easier it became to neglect its weak areas. This could ultimately lead to its destruction.

could be counted on to sustain justice for all, individual freedom and intellectual integrity, the EEC accounted for about half. What hope was there for humanity, Mr Jenkins asked, if these countries, among "the richest and certainly among the most favoured and talented populations of the globe", could not learn to live together?
Speaking for the Parliament's Conservative group, Sir

the distinguishing features of Other speakers covering the the Community. The larger the spectrum from Christian Democrat to Communist, echoed this warm endorsement of the abilities of Mr Jenkins and his colleagues. Of those countries which

Mr Jenkins is to make a more detailed statement of nolicy when he Commission policy when he addresses the Parliament in February. Speaking for governments of the Nine, Mr Anthony Crosland, the Foreign Secretary, and President of the EEC's Council of Ministers, tomorrow will outline to the Parliament a programme of work he hopes to see completed over the next six

Parliamentary report, page

### Berlin check on Bonn mission visits

o protest against the measure.

Dr Hermann Schmitt-Vocken-

From Gretel Spitzer Berlin, Jan 11

Relations between the two German states were put to a new test today when East Ger-man authorities began to check and in most cases turn back East German visitors to the West German mission in East

In addition to the usual of the East German Foreign

Herr Günter Gaus, the head of the West German mission, informed Bonn and then called on the East German Foreign bound to lead to a deteriora-tion in relations.

Dr Hermann Schmitt-Vocken-hausen, vice-president of the Bundestag, who called on Herr Gaus today, said that the mea-sure was a flagrant breach of the Helsinki document. The West German mission had con-tributed to the normalization of relations between the two Ger-German Government already in

visitors were occasionally subjected to controls.

Last year several dozen East German visitors a day were call-

Germany.

The growing number of these In Bonn, Dr Michael Kohl,
the East German permanent
representative, saw Herr Hans-

Jürgen Wischnewski, the Minis-ter of State for German Affairs, time.

Some sources put the number at 200,000. While this is likely to be excessive it seems certain that tens of thousands did apply. This was much more apply. This was much more than the East Germans were prepared to allow to leave.

East Germany put much of the blame for this development guards, policemen were posted in front of the mission. They stopped East Germans on their stopped East Germans on their he told reporters. way in and told them that they could enter only by permission he had complained to the East German television correspondent just before Christmas must December after noticing that be seen in this context.

The three Western powers protested to the Soviet Government today about East Ger-Ministry to point out that the ing on the West German mis- many's decision to demand visas East German interference was sion, in many cases applying from foreigners entering East bound to lead to a deteriora- for permission to move to West Berlin on one-day visits from Berlin on one-day visits from West Berlin. The Allies said it undermined the quadripartite status of the city.

> Prince Jean-Félix de Merode, scion of one of the most

ancient families of Belgium,

was found dead with head

wounds this morning on the staircase of the block of flats where he lived in the Latin Quarter of Paris. The police

said he had presumably been attacked on the stairs.

The body was discovered, lying in a pool of blood, at

6 am. The prince was coatless and had the keys of his flat in his hand. It does not appear that he was robbed or that his

flat was ransacked. Prince Jean-Félix de Merode,

aged 34, was a bachelor. He inherited the family seat and

inberited the lamily seat and 5,000-acre property at Trélon, in the Ardeanes, in 1974 on the death of his father, Prince Philippe de Merode. He only

Paris, Jan 11

#### Farm Commissioner makes Prince is found dead with London his first stop head wounds From Our Own Correspondent

missioner for agriculture, is to zone. make London his first port of

Mr John Silkin, the Minister of Agriculture, and Dr David of Agriculture, and Dr David
Owen, Minister of State at the
Foreign Office responsible for
European affairs. The main aim of the talks will be to discuss cost increases in recent months. strategy for the forthcoming farm price and fisheries negotiations among the Nine. Mr Silkin has made it clear

freezing Community farm prices in the coming year and that he will continue to resist any Community attempts to devalue the so-called "green pound", the unit in which British farm

From David Cross

Brussels, Jan 11

Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the newly appointed European Community's new 200-mile

member countries like Norway and Iceland, as well as a solution to the share-out of fish resources among the Nine in the Community's new 200-mile

Negotiations on farm prices call as he prepares for the two most urgent issues facing the Community—the spring farm price review and fisheries negotiations.

Mr Gundelach, who arrives in London tomorrow, will meet of at least 6.5 per cent.

Mr John Silkin, the Minister Preparatory work already Preparatory work already carried out by farm officials in

Meanwhile, Britain's farming organizations, led by the National Farmers' Union, have

Mr Silkin has made it clear making their presence felt with mr recent weeks that he favours Mr Gundelach. In a long message sent to Brussels shortly after his appointment. Sir Henry Plumb, the NFU president, called for "resolute and vigorous action" to overcome "formidable and complex problems " confronting member governments in the farm sector.

Scheveningen jail. He suffers from diabetes.

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# Philippe de Merode. He only rarely visited it. The origins of the Merode family go back to the twelfth century, when a son of the King of Aragon married a Merode. The family played a leading role in the history of Belgium. One of the prince's ancestors was a hero of the Belgium revolution of 1830 against Holland. Another refused the regency on the creation of the

regency on the creation of the kingdom of Belgium, and played a key role in the accession of Leopold I, whose minis-ter he was for many years. Jail term sought

## for banker

San Remo, Jan 11.—The public prosecutor today demanded a 9,000m lire (£5m) fine and two and half years' imprisonment for Carlo Aloisi, an Italian banker, charged with attempted currency smuggling currency smuggling.

Signor Aloisi, vice-president of the private bank Istituto Bancario Italiano, was arrested at the French border on Decem-ber 30. The prosecutor said that customs officers had found promissory notes worth a total of 2,700m lire in his briefcase. -Reuter.

OVERSEAS\_\_\_\_

### Dr Kaunda assures Mr Richard that guerrilla war will end once Salisbury regime is replaced

Lusaka, Jan 11 President Kaunda of Zambia has given an assurance that the guerrilla war in Rhodesia will be halted as soon as an interim

government acceptable to all parties in the conflict is estab-lished in Salisbury.

lished in Salisbury.

Mr Ivor Richard, chairman of the recessed Rhodesian settlement talks, told a press conference today before leaving Lusaka for Dar es Salaam that he had received the assurance during a meeting with Dr Kaunda last night. The President had explained that this was the meaning of the final was the meaning of the final paragraph of the statement issued after last weekend's summit meeting in Lusaka of the five "front line" states. The statement said that the removal of "colonialism, oppression and racism in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia)" would create conditions for peace and justice and "inevitably bring to an end the armed struggle". This assurance is probably the most important achievement of Mr Richard's mission to date and has once again produced an air of cautious

optimism among his party.

Coming after the "front line" states have openly aligned themselves with the Patriotic Front, which controls the guerrilla armies based in Mozambique and Zambia, it is the firmest assurance that is likely to be given by the black presidents and their pationalist allies that the war will stop if-

acceptable settlement terms declared support for the P

Joshua Nkomo.

The main problem now facing him is how to establish some common ground between the Patriotic Front and Mr Smith's Government. So far neither side has shown any outward sign of shifting from its original position set out at the Geneva conference.

he had detected some move-ment on both sides. "I think there are signs that negotiations are possible", he said.
The "front line" states

can be agreed.
Whether Mr Smith, the
Rhodesian Prime Minister, and
Mr Vorster, his South African Mr Vorster, his South African counterpart, will accept such an assurance is another matter. Mr Richard said it was too early to assess what their attitude might be.

After his talks with President Nursers in Day of Salam today.

Nyerere in Dar es Saleam today Mr Richard is taking several days off to reflect on the pro-gress of his mission before embarking on a new round of negotiations. He expects to visit again all of the six countries he called at during the first round of his shuttle as well as having further talks with the leaders of the Patriotic Front, Mr Robert Mugabe and Mr Joshus Morres

This means that the present negotiations will not be com-pleted until towards the end of this month at the earliest and that the resumption of the Geneva talks will inevitably have to be delayed.

However, Mr Richard thought

ric Front has been received in Rhodesia and Africa. But Mr Richard

rival groups.
Our Nairobi Correspor
writes: Mr Richard has hour's meeting with Pres Nyerere of Tanzania in D Salaam this evening. He afterwards that Dr Nyerere Dr Kaunda, had assured that the guerrilla war in desia would end once an ac able interim government

been set up. Our Political Staff writes: reconvening of the Geneva ference planned for Monday is being deferred Crosland, Foreign and Com wealth Secretary, announce a written parliamentary r He said Mr Richard

pressing on with his cor arious in Africa and the co ence would reconvene as as he had established a upon which it could meet a good prospect of success Mr John Davies, the sh: Foreign Secretary, later pressed deep disappoint over the postponement. He he would be seeking an meeting with Mr Croslan urge him to adopt "a:

### Accused mission priest | Press kept feared for his life

From Michael Knipe

Salisbury, Jan 11 Father Paul Egli, a Swiss-born Roman Catholic priest, has pleaded guilty in Bulawayo to five counts of failing to report terrorists. He has pleaded not guilty to live further charges of harbouring and helping terrorists.

According to an agreed statement of facts, on one occasion in October, a group of guerrillas made speeches to the assembled pupils and staff of Father Egli's mission school at Berejena, in the Chibi tribal trust land south of Fort Victoria. Father Egli also made a speech and said the Lord's Prayer. The guerrillas then danced and sang before

leaving with a supply of food. In a statement made after being warned and cautioned by the police, the 45-year-old priest, who has been in Rhodesia 17 years, said: "I agree I have had knowledge with my mission staff of several contacts with guerrillas and that we assisted them when they appeared heavily armed, demanding medicines."

Father Egli then described one visit by the guerrillas to the school when 350 pupils were assembled with the staff near Rhodesian forces retaliated. facilities to cope.

the mission's swimming pool. He estimated that there were between 10 and 12 in the roup and they impressed on him that to report them would mean

certain death.

"I know I have assisted guerrillas but never actively or willingly. I think we would have done the same for the Army if demanded or forced to". Father Egli's statement said. He had no faith in the Government security forces to provide adequate protection. Rhodesian troops exchanged

gunfire today with armed men across the border with Bot-swana, according to a Rhodesian security forces communiqué. There has been tension on the border for some months be-cause of the activities of African nationalist guerrillas. One shot

was fired yesterday from Botswana at a Rhodesian military position, but the Rho-desians did not retaliate. Today, the communiqué went n, Rhodesian forces observed buildup within Botswana of armed men at a kraal opposite their position. Later small arms automatic fire directed from Botswana at two Rhodesian officers and the

### away from Ciskei cam

Johannesburg, Jan 11 At least a third of a 30,000 African refugees the Transkei living in make camps in the Ciskei Banu have been inoculated or , cinated, it was claimed too At the same time the C idministration banned repor from the area.

Yesterday, officials admi that the mortality rate, ma among infants, from gæ enteritis and other powerelated diseases, was runnin around five a day. Unoff estimates were that 300 per have died in the camps in past three months.

Dr Barbara Seidler, the qualified medical practitione the area, is in charge of a to of 28 African nurses work round the clock from a mi shift hospital at nearby The hill. She declined to comm on the death toll,

There are between 30.6 and 50,000 people in the cam and the Ciskei administratic which has the responsibility maintaining public health in i

### Senator angers black Carter appointee she snapped. "You do not Yankee. But he defended him

From Fred Emery

Washington, Jan 11
Confirmation hearings by the
Senate committees of Mr
Carter's Cabinet appointees got

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, has tartly reminded Senator William Proxmire of her origins. Just because she now worked for a leading Washington law firm

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Federal Appeals Court judge believe it was a mistake from Atlanta. His hearing was intervene in Vietnam. Howeve broadcust. Jive on radio and we have learnt a number

Washington, Jan 11

Confirmation hearings by the Senate committees of Mr daughter of a dining car waiter. I am a black woman, the daughter of a dining car waiter. I am a black woman an attempt to have all the Cabinet approved by the time Mr Carter is sworn in on Thursday week.

There have already been some verbal fireworks. Mrs Patricia Harris, nominated for Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, has tartly reminded Senator William Prox
seem to understand who I am. I am a black woman, the daughter of a dining car waiter. I am a black woman, the coup by disclosing that he appointing a black man to the next Solicitor General Washington, Jan 11.—I Cyrus Vance, the Secretary State-designate and one during the Indo-China war, to the Senate foreign relation to the series and one of the series of the series and one of the series of the series and one of the series of the

self well, and managed a min

because she now worked for a leading Washington law firm did not mean she had forgotten them, she told the senater, who had asked whether she could still identify with the underprivileged.

"Senator, I am one of them", broadcast. Jive on radio and television today as he sought lessons as a result of the Vision to defuse the torreot of nam experience", he said. It was received enthusing tically by committee members and they indicated that I thick Georgia accent and style makes Mr Carter sound like a whelmingly approved.—Reute we have learnt a number lessons as a result of the Vi

### Objection in church as a lesbian is ordained In the view of the church,

Prom Peter Strafford

New York Jan 11
An objection was raised in a
New York church last night
when Miss Ellen Barrett, an avowed lesbian, was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church, the American branch of the Anglican Communion.

The Rev James Wattley, an Episcopal original account. Episcopal-priest, stood up when Bishop Paul Moore, conducting the ordination, asked the formal question whether anyone knew any impediment or crime which

should prevent ordination.

Mr Wattley walked to the altar and told the congregation that he opposed Miss Barrett's ordination "on the ground of her self-proclaimed lesbianism".

homosexuality was "a sin against the order of the Creator and against the order of the Creation".

Bishop Moore replied that
Miss Barrett had not made a
secret of her homosexual leaning but that her personal life had never been under criticism.
He added: "Many persons with homosexual tendencies are

presently in the ordained mid-istry. Ellen Barretr's candour in this regard is not considered a barrier to ordination." Miss Barrett is one of several women who have been ordained in the Episcopal Church since the church canons were changed recently.

Judge reaffirms man's right to keep his legs From Our Own Corresponder New York, Jan 11

A judge in New York 1 ruled that a man cannot required to have his less amy tated against his will.

Justice Hilda Schwartz st yesterday: "A most importation is the fact if the consideration is the fact if the one who will be made affected by the choice, who ever way it is made is a patient himself."

The patient is Mr O simmons, a 58-year-old vagra whose feet had became infect with gangrene. The hospitold him that he would have

have parts of both legs am;

### tated, but he refused. CIA adds fuel to defence debate

Washington, Jan 11

It would cost the Americans one third more of their 1976 defence budget of \$110,000m (£64,400m) to afford what the Soviet forces have in arms and men, according to the latest estimate released here by the Courad Intelligence Agency. The Americans would have to double their present spending on weapons and equipment to procure the equivalent Soviet items. The CIA cautions that the comparison is of limited

From Our Own Correspondent

usefulness even though defence hardliners are using it to bolster their alarm over Soviet superiority.

Dr Kissinger, the outgoing
Secretary of State, yesterday
castigated alarmists for what

when there was none to be had in the nuclear age. He could be seen to be at some odds with the outgoing Defence Secretary. Speaking in New York, Mr Donald Rums-

New York, Mr Donald Rumsfeld called for prompt action if the United States was to reverse Soviet trends towards superiority which he detected over the past 16 years.

President-elect Carter arrives tonight among the protagonists in Washington. He is coming for more briefings on national security and foreign policy bath with the specialists and with congressmen, as a final prelude to his inauguration on Thursday week.

He has already suggested that ments." Secretary of State, yesterday too much fuss is being made. Dr Brown said that it we castigated alarmists for what has called their meaningless linsistence on "supremacy", gested that both sides have varithought up.

ous systems superior to t other's.
Dr Harold Brown, the inco ing Defence Secretary, at topening of his informal co firmation hearings before t Senate armed services comm tee today, sought to shift t emphasis.

As one of the world's leadi

experts on nuclear weapons (designed most of the Americarsenal) Dr Brown said the dabate about United State Soviet balance must be shift to conventional forces. "Y ventional capability and masure it enables us to carry of our foreign policy comm

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# Richard Zech dissidents freed After four years of war Muslim rebels settle for autonomous region A processions neace comes to the Philippines is replaced to eport for questioning

received in Rhode in Our Own Correspondent he did the least of the lea

ticular organization are released at midnight. would be by included Pavel Kohout, playwright, who coolly gave the telephone the Times as the police were mering on his door. Mrs hour was also released. for the moment at least, the choslavak authorities are wing greater circumspection but be their response to the intel-

uals campaign for human ts launched last week. eccording to sources in sque, the interrogations of Statistics of the "Charter manifesto published in the manifesto published in the statistics week are communing, arned est addifferent basis.

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planned to lodge a com-fict of his own against the let police for causing actual ly harm to his wife. Her Was injured when she was powered in the street and ded into a car by the CIS ded into a care of the playwright also said that Germany and as far as he knew, other ined signaturies had refused Reuter.

to sign the records of their interrogations. He appealed to "the jurists of Europe" to themselves how the manifesto could possibly regarded as a criminal act. All the rights and freedoms it demanded were supposed to be entrenched in the Czechoslovak

dent whose father was executed as a traitor in 1952, told Reuters: "A large number of people were detained yesterday, many more than was generally reported, but it would be wrong to say they only for questioning and no

early to assess the size of the human rights movement or its scope, although it claims to be broadly-based, including workers as well as intellectuals.

paper Rude Pravo named one of them as Josef Garba, who is 42 and defected from Czechoslo-vakia in 1970. He is alleged to have returned in 1975 to spy for

Gestapo during the war. Rude Pravo said that he was now a Roman Catholic priest in West

#### constitution and the country's Vienna: President Husak of Czechoslovakia is understood to have ordered the security authorities to maintain a low-key approach towards the

to Czech emigré sources. Mr Rudolf Slansky, a dissidetained. It was really

Prague: Two of four people on trial in Ostrava on charges of spying for West Germany were named today for the first time. The Communist Party news-

the West German intelligence being tried in his absence, was identified as Frantisek Topiarz, aged 66. It is alleged here that he had collaborated with the

Germany.
The trial continues today.-

### Iao's niece accused of eakening Teng position

sking, Jan 11.—Wang Hai-, Deputy Minister of sign Affairs and presumed e of Mao Tse-tung, was cized today on wall posters

poster put up during the accused Wang Hai-jung taving passed herself off as enemy of the "gang of headed by Chiang ag, Mao's widow, but hav-helped to undermine the tion of Mr Teng Hsiao-; the former Deputy Prime ister, dismissed in April,

thus another favourable slopment for Mr Teng. ned to have access to confitial information known only leading circles. They sed Wang Hai-jung of ing misled Mr Teng by mak-him believe that the action was taking had the support Chairman Mao. They also sed her of having posed Chou En las ".

his attack brought to six total of prominent people have come under fire in ing degrees during the ent poster campaign. The rs are: Mr Wu Teh, the

Chen Hsi-lien, the commander of the Peking military region; Mrs Wu Kuei-hsien, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the Central Commitree; Mrs Liu Hsiang-ping, the Minister of Health; and Mr Liu Chuan-hsin, the chief of Peking's security services.
The mayor of Peking was

caricatured today kneeling hambly before the members of the "gang of four". The caption read: "u Teh, leader of ister, dismissed in April, the oppressors of the masses."
It made a phonetical play on
he attack on Mao's niece words so that his name as written signified: "The man

Another poster indicated that still more people would come under attack. It was enti-tled: "Advice to others like the gang of four".

The poster appeals for the rehabilitation of Mr Teng became more numerous today and more urgent in tone. Some of them called for Mr Teng to "succeed" Chou En lai. One poster read: "From the ottom of their hearts the bottom of their hearts the workers of the capital ask that Comrade Teng Hsiao-ping should return to work".—Agence France-Presse. From Teodoro Benigno Manila, Jan 11 The guns have fallen silent in the southern Philippines where the Government and the Muslim rebels will shortly endeavour to carve out an auto-

nomous Muslim region and so end centuries of Muslim-Christian strife A final agreement on autonomy is expected to be signed in Manila in April after a second round of talks in Tripoli sponsored by Colonel

Gaddafi, the Libyan leader. The past four years of war have claimed about 10,000 civilian lives, an estimated 2,000 military casualties, about 4,000 rebel casualties, and have rendered about a million people homeless. After centuries of mistrust

and hatred, is a permanent peace really about to dawn in Mindanao and Sulu? Both the Government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), appear confident that such a peace is at hand, and Colonel Gaddafi is scheduled to arrive here in a blaze of glory for the signing in April. It is no secret that Libya was the chief backer and financier of the Muslim rebellion. Why Colonel Gaddafi has switched roles to become the peace maker remains an enigma. . For all the official optimism, the Government and the MNLF.



President Marcos: He wants a plebiscite. chief backer.

not to mention Colonel Gaddafi have a difficult road ahead. What indeed is an autonomous Muslim region?"

The prelimination The preliminary agreement, identified the components of such a region as:

The right of Muslims, who comprise about 5 per cent of the Philippines population of 43 million, to set up their own courts, schools, colleges and The right of Muslims to their



Colonel Gaddafi: The rebels'

administrative, financial and economic systems, coupled special regional forces ;

The formula up of a legislative assembly for the autonomous region through direct, popular elections and an executive council through appointments by the assembly and by presidential decree.

Details are to be settled at the second round of talks. The tentative agreement made it Presse.

Last minute

### Battle over secrecy of A precarious peace comes to the Philippines 'think tank' report so rereignty and territorial integrity of the Philippines Diplomatic Correspondent

A sharp little battle is being waged in the upper echelons of the civil service over whether the public should be allowed to see the controversial report now being completed by the "Think Tank" on the foreign services.

The report, which is expected to be finished, after some delays, by March, seems certain to upset a lot of people in White-hall. The Foreign Office, as the department most closely affected, is naturally apprehensive about it. In its preparatory stages, the

report has been guarded with mandarin secrecy. While some senior officials are in favour of full publication, some MPs and others are afraid that more cautious counsels will prevail to keep its most challenging recommendations hidden. According to what little in-

through the official screen, there is a strong move within the "Think Tank" team to back a "maximist" reorganization of the Foreign Office. This means not expanding the Foreign Office per se, but widening its membership by

which modern

increasingly requires.

The corollary approach would be a sharp contraction of the prestige em-bassies in Washington annual cost in 1975 £3,680,000), Paris (£2,950,000) and elsewhere. The "Think Tank" team whose youthful members have ruffled a few dovecotes with their gifted amateur" approach, has not made up its

mind yet, it is understood. But it seems inevitable, whatever precise changes it pro-poses, that the diplomatic service would be reduced. If home civil servants expected as a matter of course to spend a part of their career in foreign posts, as already happens in the British mission to the European Community, recruitment would be on a different basis; so would the terms of service.

As for the Foreign Office itself, it would have to accept senior officials from home departments within its ranks— ranks which would, by defini-tion, be considerably depleted.

Within this new structure, the Cabinet Office section responsible for coordinating European affairs would presumably also fore, the Foreign Office might departments to do the specialist well emerge as a super-ministry, though of a different style and

### Lockheed's agent in Turkey is arrested

Parties form united front

for Pakistan election

Ankara, Jan 11

An Ankara tribunal today arrested Mr Nezih Dural, a businessman who is the Lock-heed Aircraft Company's repre-sentative in Turkey, on charges of currency fraud. About half an hour later, Mr Dural suffered a heart attack and was taken to the prisoners' ward of an Ankara hospital.

This is the first arrest made in the three Turkish investiga-tions into alleged bribery by Separate military and parlia-

mentary inquiries are still going on, and the civilian court which placed Mr Dural court which placed Mr Dural active in Turkey, and not just under arrest, was checking on the brief period in which the how the dollars said to be used aircraft were bought.

From Our Correspondent

March as a united front.

Nine opposition parties in

Pakistan have decided to con-

test the general elections in

They will put up single agreed candidates against the

led by Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, and had an over-

whelming majority in the last National Assembly, The Assembly.

decision to join hands was taken at a meeting of opposi-tion leaders in Lahore last

The Government has banned the National Awami Party from

taking part in the elections.
The National Awami Party
emerged from the last general
elections in West Pakistan in

Rawalpindi, Jan 11

for bribing Turkish officials vere brought into the country. The Lockheed affair recently took a political turn when Mr Suleyman Demirel, the Prime Minister, stated that his predecessor, Mr Bulent Ecevit had been responsible for buy ing Lockheed F104S fighter aircraft in 1974 when his Social Democratic Government

was in power.
Mr Ecevit retaliated by saying that the purchase was made at a time of great stress, immediately after the Turkish military intervention Cyprus, and that the investigation should cover the 10 years in which Lockheed has

Its president, Mr Abdul Wali

Khan, and many other party officials are in prison facing

trial on treason charges. How-

ever, other party oficials, including the wife of Mr Wali

khan, are expected to contest

It must be pointed out that

Mr Blutto has a firm hand on the political situation and with many reforms to his credit and a streamlined administrative machine to back

him up. He faces no serious

The governors of Punjah, Sind North-West Frontier Province and Baluchistan have

dissolved the provincial assem-

blies in preparation for provin-cial assembly elections on March 10. Elections to the National Assembly will be on

challenge in the elections

the elections as National Democratic Front candidates.

#### Two monks of the Indian Ananda Marga sect, who were due to be deported vesterday, got a last minute reprieve when lawyers filed an application for

reprieve

for monks

a writ of prohibition before the Divisional Court in London, claiming "malionent" on the part of Mr Rees, the Home ecretary. Mr Rees had ordered the deportation of the two men on the ground that their presence in Britain was undesirable. The monks, named as Mr Namad Prasad and Mr Ramswarath

Roy, have been in detention at Harmondsworth, Middlesex, The monks have acquired the Middlesex. status of international refugees under the provisions of the United Nations; confirmation of Mr Prasad's status as a refugee came yesterday. Britain was a signatory of the 1951 convention on refugees under which no nation may deport a refugee to the "frontiers" of a territory where his life may be in danger. Britain is attempting to deport the two men to Nepal.

### Higher fares and dearer luxury goods balance selective Soviet price cuts yet to attract a rush of buvers. Few people want the smaller out 5,000m roubles annually to

Moscow, Jan 11

aground. — Agence

Travel by air, boat or taxi Union after April 1. Air and boat fares are expected to go up about 20 per cent, and taxi fares will double from 10 kopecs (about 8p) to 20 kopecs kilometre.

would take precedence over

aback by President Marcos's

statement last week that the

autonomous Muslim region

eventual establishment of other

autonomous zones throughout

the country. Mr Marcos avoided

direct comment on whether the

special regional security force

would be predominantly Muslim. "It will be mixed" was

all he would say.

Another source of confusion

was the President's disclosure

that a plebiscite would be held to determine which of the 13

southern provinces with Muslim

populations would join the

The tentative agreement had

seemed to rule out such a plebiscite. The agreement

stated categorically that the antonomous Muslim region

would comprise the 13 pro-vinces. The Muslims are a

If Mr Marcos means that the

Muslims will enjoy no special

rights in their autonomous zone, since such autonomous

zones would be set up all over the Philippines, then the forth-

coming Tripoli talks could run

France

autonomous region.

plebiscite.

would be a step towards the

the autonomous region.

The increases were included in a selective restructure of prices announced by Mr Nikolai Glushkov, chairman of the State Commission on Prices. Other increases, on rugs and carpets, natural silk items, crystal ware, deluxe book edi-tions and clothes made to order, came into effect

immediately. Prices were cut by up to 25 per cent on certain items of synthetic fabrics, including mitwear and undergarments, stockings, smaller refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, certain makes tape recorders, recording tape, electric shavers, radios, and a black and white television set.

The reduced items were mostly of a quality for which there has been little demand, and even the price cuts have dairy products and bread.

refrigerators now that larger meet the deficit on rents, and ones are available. Those who that it expects to continue these can manage it, generally prefer Japanese recorders to local

Official apologists always claimed the Soviet economy was immune from Western-type inflation. This is certain essentials in state shops. notably bread, flour, sugar, potatoes and cereals, have remained fixed for long periods.

Meat in state butchers has been pegged since Mr Khrushchev raised the price "temporarily" by 30 per cent in 1962. Moscow Metro underground fares have remained level at five kopeks. Rents are still

basically at 1928 rates. But Mr Glushkov, insisting there was no infla-tion, justified heavy price increases on such gourmet foods as caviar and sturgeon and on other luxury items on the ground that they helped make up for the state subsidies (19,000m roubles in 1975) holding down the cost of meat.

He added that the state pays subsidies Despite the denials.

Soviet economy is definitely influenced by inflation in its non-communist trading partners, which adds to the cost of imports. This in turn helps account for the sharp increase Soviet indebtedness to private banks and creditors. At present, there is attempt to regulate prices on the so-called free market, where collective farmers sell

foodstuffs privately, and on which prices have tended to spiral steadily. Mr Glushkov claimed that the market was an almost negligible factor: most housewives would strongly disagree.

Aeroflot, the state airline. announced that it would introduce first and economy classes on its internal flights. Such a "class system" has long operated on international Aero-flot flights, but hitherto there have been no such distinctions inside the Soviet Union.

### 1970 as the second largest l parliamentary group. **Suban 'school for spies' exposed**

wa, Jan 11

ne activities of a Cuban tool for spies" in Montreal its connexion with white desian mercenaries, appears e behind Canada's decision xpel five Cubans. aree of the Cubans were

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nsored press

slombo, Jan 11.—Several spapers in Sri Lanka sared today with columns

dank space after the intro-ion of censorship last night.

wenty more people were sted today in connexion

i Lanka's

operation was conducted Canada involving Cuban nationals in contradiction of

The investigation began after Mr David Bufkin, aged 40, an American mercenary in Rhodesia, told the Salisbury Sunday Mail that he had been trained as a spy at the consulate by a man called Rodriguez. Once in Rhodesia he double-crossed the Cubans and revealed his background and identified two other spies from the Montreal "school" who had joined the Rhodesian

armed forces. When these two came under suspicion they fled A spokesman for the department, said investigations had shown that "an intelligence Cuban po Cuban posts in Montreal

have been a source of trouble to Canada before. Several years ago a bomb, believed to have been planted by anti-Castro Cuban exiles, wrecked the offices of the Cuban trade mission there. A diplomatic row flared when Cuban officials forcefully tried to prevent Montreal police from entering the premises.

There have also been fre quent reports, never substantiared, that the Cubans had secretly trained subversives in the Quebec wilderness for work

### 40 suspected saboteurs held in Lebanon

Beirut, Jan 11 (censored).— Troops of the Arab League peacekeeping force in Lebanon have arrested 40 people sus-pected of kidnapping, murder and planting bombs.

The arrests follow last week' car bomb explosion outside the headquarters of the right-wing Phalangist Party's security ser-vice in which 42 people were killed.

According to the newspaper Al Bayraq, the authorities are planning to impose the death penalty on saboteurs and kidnappers. The paper said they would be tried by field courts and executed if found guilty. Meanwhile, a delegation of the leftist independent Nasser

ite movement (Mourabitoun) called on President Sarkis to discuss the problem of collect ing heavy weapons used in the 19-month civil war here.

A delegation spokesman, Mr Samir Sabbagh, said afterwards that Mr Sarkis was determined to treat Lebanon's rival factions equally over the issue.-Reuter

### Thailand frees 33 detainees

### World plan to popularize vasectomies to popularizing vasectomy. Men

From Our Correspondent Geneva, Jan 11

voluntary sterilization in family voluntary sterilization in family planning was emphasized by delegates from about 20 countries at the general assembly here of the World Federation of Associations for

ava check-up

### Argentina trade improves From Our Correspondent Buenos Aires, Jan 11 - Señor Alberto Fraguio,

Foreign Trade Secretary at the Economy Ministry, today revealed provisional figures for il references to strikes in ic services and to any action n by the authorities to itain the services were government took over. full year of Peronist rule.

compared with a deficit in 1975 of some \$1,000m. He said detailed statistics would be issued at the end of January. as part of the spending cuts.

The growing importance of

Voluntary Sterilization.

The federation says that, worldwide, this is now the main method of contraception : an estimated 65 million people sterilized, compared to 55 million using temporary contraceptives, mainly the pill. Efforts will now be directed

now comprise no more than 10 per cent of people undergoing sterilization—although, for the male, the operation is simpler and involving going to hospital.

According to Dr Michael Aliman, founder and chairman of the Vasectomy Advancement Society, London, male steriliza-tion is increasing rapidly in Dr Ira Lubell, executive director of the American

association, pointed out that

the population growth rate in China is now almost zero as

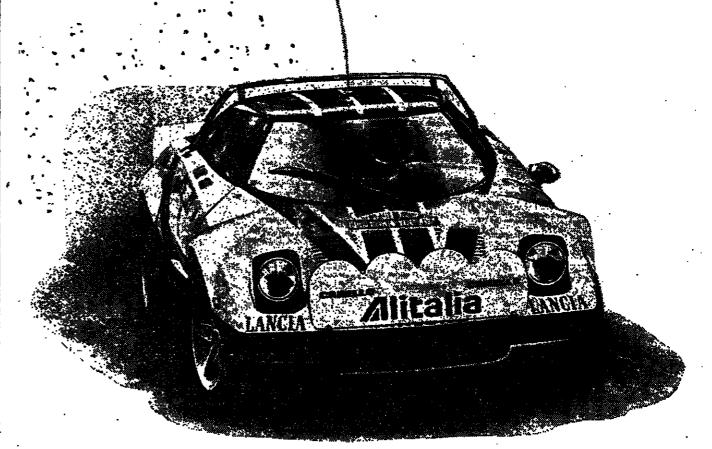
result of promotion

<sup>\*</sup> Весаиsе dialectic, they do not want to talk about it too publicly, so they speak instead about changes in society and so on but they have had a simply tremendous success with volun-The federation's president

Professor Mahmud Fatallah, of Egypt, said an experimental programme started in his country in 1970 was going well. "This simple method is proving acceptable to Egyptian peasants, who are very con varive and fear the pill and contraceptive devices."

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a continuing bus strike, ging the number of people ined to 58. te chairman of the Ceylon isport Board accused them inciting bus employees to i.e, agitation and throwing es at buses operating. ade unions are poised to a general strike tomorrow, ng workers already on e in the railways, bus ser-; and clerical and allied

> reign correspondents' rewere not subject to orship, but postal authoriwere said to be scrutinizing for "objectionable" er.—Agence France-Presse.

irobi, Jan 11.—Mr Fred ey, the British Defence etary, left for home today four days in Kenya during h he visited a training area

their status".

1976 showing a notable improvement in Argentina's foreign trade since the military He said exports in 1976 \$4,000m reached nearly \$4,000m (£2,350m) compared with just over \$3,000m in 1975, the last This, Senor Fraguio said, had resulted in a foreign trade surplus of more than \$800m.

The Foreign Trade Secretary added that a mission from several EEC countries was

expected here this month to study the possibility of pur-chasing Argentine fresh fruit, which is now being harvested. announcement came during government discussion of the 1977 budget in which big public spending cuts are forecast to reduce the budget deficit to 3.5 per cent of the gross national product in accordance with guidelines set by the International Monetary Fund. The Economy Ministry has indicated that some 300,000 state employees will be declared redundant during 1977

Bangkok, Jan 11.-The Thai Government announced today the release of 33 people arrested after the military coup on October 6 on suspicion of endangering national security Another 142 detainees are still being held in Bangkok.

### Why virginity is becoming fashionable once more



Novelist Barbara Cartland writes this week's guest column

It should have been obvious to anyone who had studied human behaviour that the downward trend to poruography would be followed by an upsurge to romance. Yet the Romantic Age which began two years ago took writers, composers, publishers, theatrical and film producers by surprise. Walt Disney said: "Every time they make a pornographic film I make money", and I am convinced that every time women look at vulgar, filthy, degrading pornography they buy a "Rarbara Cartland". In the past two years the sales of my novels have leapt into astronomical figures and have now reached 70 million. Twenty-It should have been obvious to anyone and have now reached 70 million. Twenty-six new novels will appear in Britain this year. I am a best seller in Europe, North America and also in Turkey, Singapore, India, the Philippines and Sri Lanka. Why? Because all my heroines are vir-

The demand is not surprising in the East where men have always insisted and expected their women to be pure, but this wild enthusiasm from the West is unprecedented.

unprecedented.

Abour 15 years ago, publishers told their romantic authors that they should "go modern" and write about divorce and unsanctified love—I refused. "I was brought up in the Twenties", I said. "We were innocent and there was no question of popping in and out of bed promiscuously. I am not disputing that today it happens—I just do not think it is romantic!" With the result that when the Romantic boom burst. I had more than 150 virgins in burst, I had more than 150 virgins in

"It's very untrue to life and modern thought", the critics scoff. But is it?

I have yet to meet a man who did not want his wife to be different to the "good-time" girls with whom he amuses himself. I have yet to talk to a woman who doesn't long for an overwhelming, ecstatic love from a man who worships her as his ideal and his inspiration.

It is the idealized woman which every man puts in a secret shrine and worships as his wife, as the mother of his children, as his guide and inspiration.
However much "Women's Lib" may

talk of equality of the sexes, it is, as it happens, medically impossible for men

and women to be equal when it comes to sex. A man can "make love" without it being anything but a physical action. It can mean no more to him than a good or bad meal and is as quickly forgotten. For a woman lovemaking, however brief, however lighthearted, means an emotional involvement which is both physical and mental. This is why to "sleep about" affects a woman's character and per-

sonality.

I know and understand the difficulties which confront the modern girl when a which to the most general gard which with him for the first or second time they meet. "If I refuse", one girl told me miserably, "he says he won't ask me out again." This means that the girl is giving

again." This means that the girl is giving herself in return for a dinner or a dance. Surely a very cheap form of prostitution? "Everybody does it", is the most insidious form of corruption to which far too many foolish young women fall victim. It is wiser to remember that every man who says "do", has a mother who has said to him: "Nice girls don't!"

There is no doubt that deep in the heart of every woman is a yearing to be courted and wooed. Perhaps it is a "throw-back" to the time when woman was worshipped as a goddess by all the ethnic groups from whom our own civilization grew.

Personally I want to be loved, adored, worshipped, cosseted and protected. Judging by the Romantic boom, this is what women all over the world want, too, and I am quite sure it is what eventually they will get. The pendulum will swing as it always does and in five to 10 years time.

it will be fashionable to be a virgin. It is then we will go back to high standards, noble ideals and decency. They all begin on a foundation of female chastity. The reason we have pornography at all is entirely due to women failing to do

their job as the guardians of morals.

Men, since the beginning of time, have been the hunters, the providers, the protectors, the masters in their own houses and of their own women. They have also been allowed to be raffish, profligate and licentious, should it please them. There were invariably enough Liliths to assist them.

make England great again?
We can make a million excuses and give we can make a minion excuses and give endless explanations for the scarcity— women want to be breadwinners, to have a career, to wield power, to achieve success. This is possible, but always at the expense of the man.

In time we may produce a Superwoman, but in doing so we will lose the Superman, for he is only super, only at his greatest, when his spiritual capabilities are accentuated by the pure, mystical perfection of his ideal—The Virgin-Woman.

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### Writers can find more than one way of portraying 'multi-ethnic' Britain

Last month Collins, the publishers, announced "a new campaign to find children's books that reflect the experience of living in multi-ethnic Britain". The only manoeuvre which they have so far made in this engagement is to offer a couple of prizes, one for a novel or work of non-fiction, and one for short stories, which "portray the variety and complexity of our society". (Anticipating the results, they also remark that "the winning entries will probably reflect the lives of individual ethnic groups in Britain but it is hoped that as books they will prove popular and relevant to all children ".)

Naturally the project has won immediate approval from all those who believe in the therapeutic efficacy of writing books the therapeutic efficacy of writing books for children about the present lives they lead, but it ought to gain a welcome, too, from the sceptics who see such promotions as encouraging only pallid answers to contrived problems. The reason why these spoilsports should welcome the initiative of Messrs Collins is primarily because the campaign may force upon therapists and sceptics alike the need to think about what is meant by phrases like "multi-ethnic Britain", and to assess how fit a medium children's books are how fit a medium children's books are for reflecting its variety and complexity (let alone doing so in a way that is "popular and relevant").

On the first score, one is immediately tempted to call in Mr Philip Howard and his shelf of dictionaries to clarify for us where the multiplicity of our ethnics begins and ends. According to my sources (Gr. 1870) = nation) "multi-ethnic Britain " could legitimately be interpreted as not just a Britain of many races (ie, "multi-racial")—which is presumably what Collins really mean—but a Britain of many tribes or, possibly, of many religious groups. In other words—as with that even worse bit of modern largon multi-cultural "- theoretical boundaries begin to disappear in practice and it becomes increasingly difficult to posit how authentic portrayals can be managed. Will books about Scottish, or Welsh, or Cornish minority groups be eligible along-

side those about Haringey Cypriots or Earls Court Australians? If Muslims and Sikhs are definable communities within Britain why should not a modern defini-tion of "ethnic" admit Jewish Communities too?

Certainly, on the evidence of work done by one of my students on Jewish children's books, it would seem that those who look for "social issues" in children's literature have allowed their sights to rest too exclusively on urban groups of different skin-colour. Furthermore, they have given precious little consideration to the relationship between host-culture and the relationship between host-culture and the extra-territorial cultures which it absorbs. Everyone admits that English tradition has been constantly enriched by immigrant influences, but how essential is it (and how urgent?) that immigrant groups accommodate themselves to the majestic variety and complexity of the indigenous tradition rather than forming isolated factions of their own?

Needless to say, attempts to answer these questions lead one into areas where the conventional limitations of "children's the conventional limitations of "children's books" inhibit thorough discussion. No better example could be found at the present moment than Farrukh Dhondy's East End At Your Feet, which has recently been published in Macmillan's "Tooliner" series—paperbacks which are broadly planned to meet the needs of readers who don't much care about reading.

East End At Your Feet is a collection of six short stories featuring characters from Asian communities in London, and it is in the news at the moment because a lady from Blackheath has accused it of being obscene and thereby of offending her daughter who read it at school. Her objection seems to be chiefly to the language of the book and she has been experience of living in multi-ethnic Britain. There is no doubt at all that Mr Cham-

answered by both the school's headmistress (who notes that some parents complain about Chaucer) and the Topliners editor. Mr Aidan Chambers. He admits that the book is explicit, but considers it respon-sibly so, and he justifies it in part by reference to the Collins campaign and the

need for realistic stories about the

bers's defence of East End is entirely valid.

The author's use of language deemed to be offensive is succtioned by the require-

ments of his stories; while, in terms of what actually happens, Farrukh Dhondy is a model of good taste compared with some of the industriously assertive sex stories for teenagers emanating from the United

In a sense, therefore, the Blackheath lady's objection to East End At Your Feet is a naive one, and at would be unfortunate if the impression were to be given that Asian writers were setting our given that Asian writers were setting out to corrupt the pristine purity of our children's literature. At the same time-though, it directs attention to the difficulty of trying to harmonize the social and artistic aims of writing books. For while part of Mr Dhoudy's intention may have been to show children of an alien group settling, or not settling, into life in urban Britain he cannot probe too deeply the terms on which that life is lived for fear of carrying the book beyond the capacity of its readers. Whatever Messrs Collins may think, the subtle questions of family loyalty, double standards, Messrs Collins may think, the subtle questions of family loyalty, double standards, personal integrity, which Farrukh Dhondy raises are not easily solved in a child's book with a contemporary setting. As with a whole gamut of other "problems" which rejoice the hearts of people who write for series like "Tophiners", the issues may often be less well served by tripness than by silence.

Looking at one of the first children's books to be published in 1977—Rosemary Succliff's Blood Feud (Oxford UP, £2.95) I was much struck by the force which she has been able to give to the fictional treatment of persistent dilemmas simply by giving them historical distance. The by giving them historical distance. The story is not quite vintage Sutcliff—it wears its research a little too obtrusively—but, in picking an English hero of the teath century who becomes slave and then blood-brother to a Viking and who finally marries a Byzantine lady, it brings forward fundamental questions about personality which it can answer freely within the narrative, and which do not lose their emotional force by trying to meet the narrance, sim which to not loss their emotional force by trying to meet some barely achievable canon of contemporary authenticity. Miss Sutcliff may not intend it, but she has much to say on "multi-ethnic" matters. What a pity that Messrs Collins would probably find such an approach arelevant or unauthentic.

Brian Alderson

Law Report January 11 1977 Employment Appeal Tribunal

### Taking part in strikes as factor in selecting men for redundancy

men for redundancy

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Although a strike might be Although a strike might be relevant to selection for redundancy in a number of ways, its weight as a factor might be negligible. First, if the strike had caused or aggravated the redundancy it might be reasonable to take into account the conduct of the strikers as a factor pointing to their selection rather than those who stayed at work. That, however, had not occurred in the present case.

however, had not occurred in the present case.

Secondly, if the withdrawal of labour lasted long enough, the reintroduction into the work force of those who had been absent might cause difficulties because of technical or administrative changes which had occurred during their long absence. Thirdly, passions might have been aroused during the strike with incidents of abuse and violence between strikers and those who remained at work, so that to sack men who had stayed

University news

Cambridge
The following entrance awards
have been made at Newnham
College: 

Elections: Electrons: St John's College: J. D. B. Miller, MEc (Sydney), professor of infer-national relations. Australian Netional University. In 10 an overseas visiting fellowship for a year from October 1. J. F. Harper, MSc (New Zealand). PaD (Ennanuel College). Teader in mathematics. Victoria University of Wellington, in to an overseas visiting scholarship for one year from October 1. Glasgow Mr J. C. Shaw, a partner in De-loitte & Co, has been appointed to the Johnstone Smith Chair of

In In re S and A, F (infants) (December 21) Mass Shirley A. Ritchie appeared for the Official Solicitor.

York

Appointments

Gazder research unit and department of chemistry: E. F. Coles, BA (Cantab).

Debid (Sussex), research worker at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, as research fellow.

Department of chemistry: R. P. Kelty.

Ba, PhD (Dublin), research fellow in chemistry. University College Dublia.

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### Sketch of Napoleon with dancing pumps found

A sketch of Napoleon on board HMS Northumberland on his way to exile in St Helena in 1815 has been found in a shop at Hastings and will go on sale in London.

The sketch, a right-hand profile, was bought for £3 in Hastings Old Town by Mr John Peskett, a retired Foreign Office official, of Tenterden, Kent.

He said: "I felt it was genuine. What convinced me was that he is shown wearing dancing pumps. Napoleon had small feet and was vary vain about showing them to advantage."

The sketch was drawn by Denril Ibbetson, who was selected to accompany Napoleon to St Helem. He gave it to Theodore Hook, who wrote a book about the former emperor in 1819, but nobody knows how it turned up in Hastings.

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Mr Peskett, who became interested in Napoleon and Water-loo while working at the British Embassy in Brussels, had put the drawing in for auction before the Davies find was announced.

Mr James Miller, a Sotheby's expert on drawings, said it should fetch between E150 and E200 when it is put up for sale on March 24.

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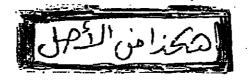
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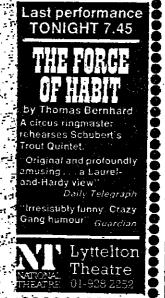
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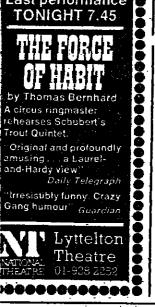
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Miss Swados comes across as

force of nature. Previously I had encountered her only as a composer and musician for Peter Brook and Andrei Serban, where she was always un-obtrusively, diligently but potently in the background. Now in her own show, which she has conceived, composed, directed, partly written and also appears in, she has moved out of the background for ever.

It is the music that hits one first. It opens with a song called "Things I Didn't Know I Loved", and there seems to be a dire danger of cuteness in the air. The danger is not pre-cisely averted by a couple of numbers where the company imitates birdsong. Personally I hate people who try to sing like birds—even Amelita Galli-Curci. And these people subjugated all doubts. They were

What is fascinating about this Nightclub Cantata is simply its unique mixture of music, drama and pop enter-tainment. Miss Swados's own staging is a knockout—the actors are trained like human acrobats—and her choice of source material, much of it written by herself, runs from Sylvia Plath to Frank O'Hara

to Carson McCullers.

A lot of it is extraordinarily funny. A comic acrobat number called "The Pastrami Brothers" is hilarious incidentally quite a few of Miss Swados's concepts come as much from the circus and vaudeville as from the jungleand even in a corrosively bit-ter duet for sad lovers, called "Dibarii", with words by David Avidan, the humour overtakes the bitterness.

The cast of four men and four women, plus piano and percussion, is just about perfect. The names, in alphabeti-cal order, are Karen Evans, Rocky Greenberg, Paul Kandel, Joanna Peled, Shelley Phinpton, David Schechter, Miss Swados herself and Mark Zagaeski.

Miss Peled is clearly, if she

wants, going to be a star. Miss Evans, a statuesque black woman, has an enunciation that could crack a crystal glass and leave it glad. Miss Plimpton (of Hoir persons) persons (of *Hair* repute) re adorably remote, and Miss Swados herself looks and sounds like a wayward genius. But the men are fine too, as are Judith Fleicher on the piano and William Milhizer handling percussion. For anyone wanting a show that is different, involved and engag ing, and yet, on its own special terms, quite clearly cabaret, this is the show for you. I adored it. New York Times

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Arthur Lismer: Moon River, Georgian Bay, 1931

### Fresh from the wilderness

of this century usually went in period, however, were encouraged to ape dated Eurowere pean conventions, and to bottle up their infinite and emphatic hunters' landscape into pastoral tone-paintings. Inevitably a mood of rebellion developed, and a group, who later called themselves the Group of Seven, set out to look at their country afresh and develop a style which would honour its wildness and beauty. To judge from the exhibition of their work at the Canada House Gallery, which opens today and tions, and the activities at runs until February 27, their Studio Building, grew the first shared stylistic influence was a exhibition by the Group of shared stylistic implence was a kind of optimistic express. Seven in Toronto in 1920. sionism. The excited brush Their aim was to create a strokes and vivid paint do not unique Canadian tradition, dramatize nature in order to founded on their belief that express man's dark passions; art "must grow and flower in rather they are used as a the land before the country means of describing a land-will be a real home for the scape which is already so dra-matic, and so blarantly techni-ing to know how would be emi-

Men and women who emigrat- shores of Georgian Bay (an so, then perhaps they are sens- closely in front of the three ed to Canada at the beginning even larger lake wilderness) ing an essence, an invigoration, of this century usually went in under the early leadership of that the Seven wished to conof this century usually went in Tom Thomson. As far as one vey; and they may be assured they do have an extremely search of adventure, fortune, of them, A. Y. Jackson, was that this quality has been powerful effect. F. H. Varley's and, above all perhaps, free concerned, Thomson succeeded honoured in Canada by most stormy versions of Georgian dom from restriction—the residuations of moribund conventions and confined spaces.

Canadian painters of that period, however, were constituted from the inhospitation of the inh

roundings. Thomson was drowned in 1917, but after the war Lawren Harris (who had built the Studio Building in Toronto where Thomson and others worked) organized two painting trips through the forests of Algoma. He and three others rented a caboose, and they were shunted from one part of the territory to another by passing freight trains.

Out of these various expediexhibition by the Group of Seven in Toronto in 1920. Equipped with small wooden ing water, the gleam-and-slide of

lect. A painting by Thomson scrutiny.

It includes the work of nine area. painters (the Seven plus Thom-son and a later addition, A. J. Casson), none of whom-from work and several smaller ones,

### Paddy Kitchen

dozen or so small paintings (usually under a foot square), home out of materials rescued green and yellow reflections; from old barns and houses. Frank Johnston's sentinel hoping thus to make a suitable trees behind Moose Pond; hoping thus to make a suitable trees behind Moose Pond; background for the Canadian Lawren Harris's clouds—white art which they wished to col- paint squashed like crushed ribbon; Arthur Lismer's Moon lect. A painting by Thomson ribbon; Arthur Lismer's Moon spring of their ambition, and their original six-room house soon developed into a complex of galleries, set in a large nature reserve, which in 1965 were donated to the Province of Ontario. Uprooted from their caringly-created habitat, and transplanted to the anonymously metropolitan interior affect the onlooker with a powmously metropolitan interior affect the onlooker with a pow-of the Canada House Gallery erful spirit of place. And the erful spirit of place. And the last two painters in particular (just a stone's throw from the last two painters in particular National Gallery), this small were extremely skilful in selection from their collection manipulating intense energy is now open to unpatriotic and almost-impossibly-glorious colours within a very small All the paintings are dis-

frames. A postcard shows a scape which is already so dramatic, and so blatantly technicoloured under the northern
light, that only a joyously fervid response could possibly
convey its impact.

The matter that the open air. It would be interest casson, none of whom seemed to
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judge they probably look better that way. They are, above everything, fresh; as though the arrists had returned from panels packed into specially-sum on snow, the autumns that the former being careful studesigned sketch boxes, some of seem to be pink, green, ochre, dio paintings in which water-these men set out to explore red, orange, but never somfalls tend to rigidify and trees Algonquin Park (a 3,000 square nolent gold, still seem like a become artistic rather than with their sketch boxes only mile wilderness) and the breath-of fresh cultural air? If expressive. But if one moves

### A ruined life

#### Eleanor Marx BBC 2

#### Alan Coren

There is an unsettling obverse to Cyril Connolly's dictum that inert play, short as it was on the pram in the hallway is the enemy of promise, and that is, of course, that the promise is the enemy of the pram. Who would choose to be the offspring of a great man? Few such remain neuxal of their sires, most seem led either to inordinate love or hatred, and it is moot which of the relarionships is the preferable.

of Andrew Davies's trilogy on Marx was yanked out of her pushed to the centre of a stage hold, so dominated was she by child, she doted on Marx, and he on her, in a household buoved up against poverty and struggle by a boisterous, almost Pickwickian gaiety.

But as Marx progressed in age and stature and, inevitably, much pleasure.

This "new revue with some of

dissatisfaction, that cheery domination became crabbed and tyrannical, drawing Tussy, selfnegating, ruinously devoted, ever deeper into its sphere of moody influence.

This might well have been an

action and long on discussion; but finely controlled performances from Lee Montague as the Protean Karl Marx, and from Jennie Stoller as Tussy, as moving in her thwarted eagerness for fulfilment in her own life as in her devotion to the role she was required to play in her father's, gave it a peculiar energy. Equally in-On Monday, in the first part portant, it succeeded for the most part in avoiding, as hisher short, ruined life, Tussy torical drama all too rarely does, the dangerous unintenbleak niche in sub-history and tional comedy inherent in the spectacle of great men scribwhich even then she could not bling what were subsequently to become clichés, and wonderthe presence, both actual and ing whose turn it was to put imagined, of her extraordinary the cat out; indeed, such was father. Initially, the involve- its success in conveying authenment was not unhappy: as a ticity that I found myself accepting with unbatted lids Engels's request that everyone call him Fred. Script, production, design, were examples of restraint, and I look forward to the next two Mondays with

### Tightrope walking

#### The Great Wall Greenwich

### Irving Wardle

the old favourites" is a pretext for another evening with Max Wall, and its mistake is to assume that any pretext is chance as the bow-tied monster needed. We may already have child. seen him changing from a society doctor into a fanged ghoul, coaxing a strangulated moan out of his cornet, and caught with one arm too short in mid-Rachmaninov, but the one thing that can never be said of this performer is that you have seen it all before. You may remember the gags but not the follow-ups that pile up endlessly in their wake. He repeats an Englishman, Scots-man and Jew story well known to Wall followers, but this time he makes a large meal of the Scot, building one delayed laugh after another, and finally throws the punch-line over his shoulder in mid-exit. "You were 50 per cent", he remarks candidly at the end; and it

rope of actuality. However, here he is with a upporting company of four, interrupting his own solos with songs and old sketches (authors uncredited) for which Mr Wall has a soft spot. Some of them are quite fun : such as a conten-

seems to be the truth. He does depend on what is coming back;

and I know of no performer

with the exception of Lenny Bruce who walks such a tight-

tious Blackpool holiday party with Mr Wall as a squelched husband who confines his marital frustration to viciously snapping bits off his churchwarden pipe; or another in which he turns up as a conjurer at a birthday party and

Her companions in John Link's production are Frank Barrie, Dicken Ashworth and Sally Mates, all good per-formers, who periodically notch up a point for themselves: Mr Barrie as the leader of a hunt-ball glee chorus, Mr Ashworth in one of Stanley Hollo-way's "Sam" monologues, But-only Miss Mates, an accomplished jazz singer, shows the least capacity for clowning in company with Mr Wall. She, indeed, gets in the first crack of the evening, with a sad story about her sister floating out of the window on her cello. It earns its laugh; then the others have to follow up with a gag apiece, and the embarrassment this drives even Mr Wall off stage to relax when they have finished the routine. Thereafter they appear in limp sketches while Mr Wall

is off stage, or with him in sketches that are entirely dictated by his own tricks o digression or getting his finger jammed in somebody's pocuet during their lines. They do not get much of a chance; but there is no argument with the

One hopes to be excused for thinking of them afterwards as

four solo singers: Brahms devised his Liebeslieder to

include solos, duets, even some concerted trio passages as well

as homogeneous quartets. Mr Jackson, with his firm yet supple bass, ready musician-

ship and assured interpretative

### Brahms's Liebeslieder Purcell Room

### William Mann

We all know Brahms's Liebeslieder waltzes . . . or do we? They are not often performed in recitals, at least not as Brahms intended, by a warmly blended quartet of able, euphonious Lieder-singers with piano duet accompaniment. Monday's Kirckman concert on South Bank intelligently offered both sets and used the pianists, Martin Hughes and his wife Narine Barutunian, further to interpolate (played from memory) four of Brahms's Hungarian Dances between them.

The vocal quartet consisted of Meryl Drower, Patricia Price, Alan Byers, and Richard Jackson, young singers of new and rising repute. Their voices blended nicely in gentle or mellow music, the lower voices standing out in appreciable perspective (varied in repeated passages) beneath Miss Drower's clear, pleasing soprano. In the more enthusiastic waltz-quarters their performance seemed to have been geared to a larger hall with a less fierce acoustic. Miss Drower's high notes developed a glare, and the others suffered too, including Brahms who surely intended an intimate, convivial atmosphere.

manner, alone suggested the music's wit and sparkle, though tactfully he did not exaggerate them. The tenor, Mr Byers, quite powerful in quartets and always musicianly, sounded uncomfortably restrained in his solos; Miss Price's warm, attractive mezzo sometimes turned plummy. Honeyed legato singing was in short supply, German pronunciation not always scrupulous. Yet it was an enjoyable recital: partly because the music smiles and melts so affectionately and deviates from expectation so subtly, returning home with magical prestidigitation: partly because the young performers knew and appre-ciated all that, even when awed by the occasion. The piano duettists were not musically always at one, she often perceptive, he never at a musical loss, their ensemble often inexact. Sociably

### Dupré/Underwood Wigmore Hall

#### Joan Chissell The young are in luck just now.

Hard on the heels of the Park Lane Group's five concerts in the Purcell Room comes another series of three at Wigmore Hall sponsored by the Incorporated Society of Musicians presenting panel-selected aspirants. Monday's opening recital was shared by the pianist, Heather Dupré, and the baritone. Christopher Underwood, with Michael Hancock as partner. An accident to her right arm

caused Miss Dupré to make slight modifications in her programme. But though she was playing under a local anaesthetic, occasional inaccuracies in a Scarlatti sonata at the start seemed due more to nervousness: in Mozart's G major sonata, K330, which followed, her fingerwork was as neat as her tone and phrasing were dewy. Perhaps the finale was keenly characterized and too deliberate, but the slow trasted. Michael Hancock movement was flawlessly pure.

Despite a disconcerting skp or two (from left hand as well as right) in Chopin's C sharp minor Study, Op 25, and E Flat Nocturne, Op 9, there was no mistaking the genuineness of Miss Dupre's musical intentions. Two legend-inspired pieces of her own composition were succinct and shapely as well as pianistically expressed and evocative.

they swapped positions for each work and sensibly the second,

less familiar, set of Lietes-lieder was performed before

the first, which contains more memorable melodies, more captivating charm.

Instead of making an indiscriminate din into Schubert, Finzi, Fauré and Ravel, Christopher Underwood chose the last songs of each composer. including (as a recent Bernac pupil) Faure's L'Horizon Chimérique and Ravel's Don Quichotte à Dulcinée cycles.

His baritone voice had a serviceable range, though with its chief warmth and vibrancy lower down. There was less tonal charm in the higher reaches, especially above a certain dynamic level. As an interpreter Mr Underwood still seems in the stage of consciously trying to do the right thing by his composers, but came nearest to suggesting spontaneous, first-hand experience in Ravel's three songs, keenly characterized and con-trasted. Michael Hancock also

Sheridan Morley | Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yester-day's later editions.

## Dave Allen: reporter of the bizarre

BBC 2. Instead, it's a documentary sequence which grew out of Allen's long friendship with Irish, but once we got there we realized that they'd all become so well assimilated, except on is whe St Patrick's Day when they all index."
march around saving 'Begorah', that there really wasn't his nate a story. But New York itself left comeditions of the saven an impression on we that such an impression on us that we made a programme about it called In the Melting Pot; then we made another documentary over here about English black people living around Cardiff, though I'm inclined to think that one would have worked better as a debate than as a film. And at the back of my mind I'd always had this idea that I wanted to film

people who were resolutely doing their own thing-not loonies or even eccentrics necessarily, just people who passionately believed in doing something that very few others would ever think of doing." The result was another hourlong film for ATV. In Search of the Great English Eccentric, which reached second place in the ITV top 20 and has in turn

to succeed the present one: live in, simply because he'd always liked pineapples."

Coming as he does from a family of Irish journalists, of tourist-board film series Allen's enthusiasm for research about 'quaint customs of olde and interviews is perhaps not altogether surprising; born just stories and the people who tell rest of the year is too full of them are certainly not just traffic jams and tax inspectors doing it for the cameras. Of and mundane matters. People youngest of the three sons of the managing editor of The marvellous misunderstandings: greyness in our society, but if

Despite its showbiz title, Dave Irish Times. His graudmother Allen and Friends (a 13-week was Norah Tynan who edited series which ATV has just the daily Freeman's Journal at started sending out across the a time when Years was among commercial network on different weeknights according to where you live) is not in fact and, after a strict education another anthology of songs and at the hands of the Carmelite and them are described and them the Halv Chost jokes, nor does it have much and then the Holy Ghost to do with the chairbound Irish Fathers, he himself went to monologues for which Allen is work at 16 as a front-office probably best known over on clerk for the Irish Independent:

"Then I got a job as a cub reporter on The Drogheda Times but I was pretty bad at that so I ended up in London lookthe late Bob Heller, at one time so I ended up in London look-head of documentaries at ATV. ing for a Fleet Street job which "In about 1967 we had the I totally failed to find; then I idea of going to New York to met somebody who'd been a find out what, if anything, was happening to the American said wasn't a bad life, so I said wasn't a bad life, so I decided to try for that and I got a season at Skegness which is where I started doing the

But having established both his name and his face as a comedian, how hard is it now to be taken seriously as an interviewer?

"In some ways I think it's harder for me, because if people I'm doing stories about have one of the men why he did it seen me on television and don't like me they're more inclined to think I'm there to make fun of them, which in this series is certainly not what we're doing. On the other hand, if time Allen had graduated from they've liked me as a comedian. then they're more inclined to unbend and tell me the stories. To find 120 separate stories for this series we actually researched 500, and then discarded the ones which didn't seem to add up. There's a to Sydney, and soon thereafter marvellous, gentle kookiness got a nightly television chat about these islands which is show on which he first began what prevents boredom setting to explore his fascination with

in the way it does abroad. "In Glastonbury alone I reckon we could have filmed enough for about 15 hours of television—the whole Arthur legend, the belief that Christ lived there, the Horner family who are descended from Jack, zli that and more. Then there's was a monk captured by the Devil but who can be seen every New Year's Eve riding across the moors. The trouble is, though, that he can only be seen by people who've never heard tell of the legend. That's

the kind of twist I like.
"But we're not doing a sort about 'quaint customs of olde Englande': these are real stories and the people who tell



I went to watch the people who cheeserolling in Gloucestershire, which is an amazingly dangerous pastime, and I asked and he said 'for Jesus' only I thought he was saying 'for

Butlin's and worked his way through solo comic spots in strip clubs to an African tour with Sophie Tucker, that she suggested he might do better for himself in Australia. Taking Miss Tucker's advice he moved

"There was a man there who electrocuted his fruit trees to make them grow—in the middle of a conversation in his living room he'd get up, throw a switch and the trees would go aargh'. Then there was a reformed alcoholic who'd found God and wanted to spread the message by writing 'Eternity' wherever he went. "But I'm not about to get

the unusual:

into arguments with people about whether they're sane or themselves, and usually there's a very simple explanation, like the men who dress up as white

you look carefully around you can find an incredible amount of variety and joy and sheer fascination. Take the fifth Lord Byron who was a great-uncle of the poet and used to re-enact great sea battles on his private lake until he grew older and older and stranger and stranger and refused ever to have his castle cleaned so that on the day he died a great army of cockroaches marched out of the front door and was never seen again. "It's all about individuality of one kind or another, past or present: there's a couple whose

enormous model railway is harressed to running entirely and indefinitely the 1938 timetable out of St Pancras and they ring each other up across the room on field telephones with news of delays and derailments. There's an inner contentment about people like that which about people like that which makes me think that we're the eccentric ones—sitting in airport traffic Jams, getting into planes, spending six hours in the air just to get into another traffic jam in New York behind a cab driver who blows his horn and charges you money for cir. and charges you money for sit-ting there with him. What's sane about that?" David Tynan O'Mahoney (the

Tynan came from his aunt, the poet Katharine, and the Allen came several years later when he realized that A would come high on the list of any agent's index of available comedians) has come a long way since the days when he used to support the Beatles and imitate Jerry Lewis on dubious variety bills. Living now in a rambling Victorian house outside Wargrave in Berkshire with his wife (the actress Judith Stott) and innumerable children and does, he seems, however, to have struck a reasonably happy balance between the theatrical side of his life (another telecomedy series and regular cabaret tours) and the journalism which is still much in evidence-his brother is on The Irish Times and he him-self has published collections of the legends and horror stories which have always about whether they're sane or fascinated him. So what next?
not—that's their business. I "Another play, I hope: it's just want them to explain been a long time since I did

Peter Pan and the Edua O'Brien Pagan Place at the Court, and I begin to think I'd knights and go jousting once a like to work with some actors year because they think the again. There's something very rest of the year is too full of lonely about standing up there them are certainly not just traffic jams and tax inspectors on a stage doing jokes all by doing it for the cameras. Of and mundane matters. People yourself."

led to the new series and continued employment for Allen as a reporter of the bizarreanother whole series is planned "It's a lot of hard work, though—three or four months travelling around the country Dando, the Cornish ghost who with a film crew digging up was a monk captured by the legends and fables and unlikely customs or simply finding people like the man who built himself a huge stone pineapple in his garden, large enough to

### Wimbledon beaten by heartbreaking goal from the penalty spot

By Keich Macklin sheer desperation drove them for-Middlesbrough 1. Wimbledon 0 ward and there were one or two Brave Wimbledon, who, still flutterings of the heart in the recognize no class barriers be-tween the Southern League and the first division, reluctantly, anguly, and controversiality went the first division, reluctantly, angrily, and controversially went out of this season's FA Cup at Ayresome Park last night. After stemming, a tide of continuous but orthodox high ball surges from Middlesbrough, Wimbledon were finally broken by that most hearthreaking of circumstances, a goal from the penalty spoot.

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Such decisions are always debatable. They become more so when the pitch is covered with snow, players slither in all directions, and a forward breaking into the penalty area is looking for a goal by one means or another. Indeed, when Armstrong went down beyond Tilley's tackle, his Middlesbrough colleague, McAndrew, hugged him as if the goal had already been scored. Seconds later, it was, Armstrong hitting a fierce left-foot shot past the gallant Guy.

It was Guy, the spectacular hero of two seasons ago against Leeds, who had saved Wimbledon once again with a series of spleudid stops. One save in particular, from a first-time volley by McAndrew, was of the back-breaking variety that won him plandits

McAndrew, was of the back-breaking variety that won him plandisagainst Leeds but, strangely, no
offers from league clubs.

It would be grossly unfair, however, to say that Guy alone had
held out against a Middlesbrough
tide. Strong central defenders in
Donaldson and Edwards, and firm
thallenges from every member of

Dohaldson and Edwards, and firm challenges from every member of the Southern League side, had frustrated Middlesbrough's sustained but largely uninspired attacks. To be fair to Middlesbrough in their turn, the snow-covered pitch was not conducive to smooth, streamlined passing, and the weather conditions provided a considerable leveller.

Swindon make it five with

something to spare

There was to be no reprieve for

There was to be no reprieve for Fulham this time. Two down at half time, as on Saturday, they were taken apart by their third division opponents in the second half and Swindon thus go forward to play Everton in the fourth round, again on their superbly appointed ground. Moss and Syrett scored twice and Anderson once.

Except in the matter of goals, the match was a reversal of the run of play in the first meeting. Then, Swindon played all their football in the first half and collapsed in the second. This time they played moderately before the interval.

interval, though snatching two goals just before the whistle, and like heroes in the second. Moss, the best player on the field in the first half, found an answering echo from those around him later and the wonder is the Euler and

the wonder is that Fulham did not suffer further humiliation—as if a five-goal defeat was not enough. Stroud, particularly commanded

the centre of the stage, and Trollope, and later Dixon, added deft forward skills to the more solid virtues of sturdy defence.

For Fulham there was really only

one man who offered any threat, Best, of course. A thrill ran through the crowd whenever the

little man ran on to a ball any-where near the danger zone, in other words beyond the half way line in his terms. But for all his delicate skills and obvious deter-

mination to earn his lavish corn, he was never able to find the

final touch. As for Marsh, he played the prima donna rather than the ball and had his name taken yet again by the referee.

The first half was, in the main, barren desert of ideas, taking

sanded pitch was the only winner when the lowly second division Londoners were held to a goalless extra time draw by fourth division Darlington.

Despite much Orient pressure

Pitch was the only winner

By John Hennessy

Swindon Town 5

end.

It was understandable, in view of Wimbledon's disappointment, indeed fury, at the award of the penalty, that names were taken, Connell was cautioned for arguing, long after the ball had hit the back of the net, and Cooke was also shown the yellow card, this time for one of several fierce tackles from the incensed Wimbledon players. In a reprisal tackle, McAndrew got himself cautioned. On such a night, with a cup tie of this nature, Middlesbrough were happy to get through. The manner of their getting through was less than satisfactory.

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MIDDLESBROUGH: P. Cuff: J.
Craggs. T. Cooper. S. Boam, W.
Maddren, C. Souness, A. McAndrew.
Cooper. S. Boam, W.
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Cooper. S. Mille. A. Wood, D. Arm.
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D. Bassett, J. Cooke, G. Althen, W.
Homes, R. Connell, R. Marlove,
Referee: D. Turner (Cannoct). Referee: D. Turner (Canmet).

Although Wimbledon were bitterly disappointed at their defeat, the manager, Allen Batsford, put a diplomatic face on the defeat. "Our players thought Armstrong made the most of the tackle", he said, studiously avoiding any use of the word "dive" Mr Batsford graciously conceded that Middlesbrough's pressure may have earned their win, but pointed out that Wimbledon's best hope of survival to fight another day had been to defend strenuously.

defend stremonsly.

In the Middlesbrough camp, understandably, there was no doubt that the penalty award had tool that the penalty award had been a fair one. Armstrong himself declared that not only had he been tripped by Tilley, but he had also been sandwiched between two defenders.

rided a considerable leveller.

In order to be completely just to Middlesbrough, it must also be said that Wimbledon provided said: "I am glad that one is nothing of an attacking nature over and behind us. It was a clear until the last 10 minutes when penalty, a trip from behind."

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of Fulham's discomfort that two of their players, Evanson as well as Marsh, had their names taken, and of the generally rugged nature of the play on both sides that Evanson had to spend eight minutes on the touchline mursing a leg injured by a vicious kick. A goalless half seemed the only possible reflection of the game thus far when Swindon suddenly scored twice on the stroke of half time. First Anderson hit home, or

time. First Anderson hit home, or rather mishit home, after Moss had bemused Fulham with a magical turn on the byline, and then Syrett ran on to a ball from Stroud and got enough sway on it as Person care out to persond

it as Peyton came out to persuade

Swindon could have gone three up directly from the second half kick off, but Syrett, put through by Anderson, hit the wrong side of a post with all the time in the world to measure his shot. He made amends a quarter of an hour later and again Moss was in the thick of things. Fouled on the left, he floated over a free kick that Peyton could only parry and

Now Syrett and Anderson had glaringly open chances but muffed both whereupon Moss decided it

both whereupon Moss decided it was time to put away childish things. First he scored from Trollope's run and then with the final seconds ticking away he was on hand to score the best goal of the match. Trollope found Anderson down the left and as his centre came over Moss met it crisply and Peyton was back in his usual place. Swindon, quite simply, were superb.

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SWINDON TOWN: I. Allan: W. Distroots. J. McLaughlin. D. Syrett, R. McHale, I. Andreson: sub. D. Rogers. McHale, I. Andreson: sub. D. Rogers. FULLMAM: G. Peyion: J. Cullush. L. Strong. A. Slough. E. Howe. R. Moore, G. Michael, R. Marak, T. Ballivant. J. Milchael, R. Marak, T. Ballivant.

L. Strong, Best, J. S. Moore, G. Best, J. Barrett, J. Mitchell, R. Mannell, Ballivant, Referee: A. Turvey (Basingstoke).

it past Slough's reach.



Hinshelwood surprises the League champions by shooting Crystal Palace into the lead at

### Liverpool once again forced to deal with a familiar situation

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

Crystal Palace 2 Liverpool 3 Liverpool's maligned power that relentiessly drives them through crises, overcame another in their

FA Cup third round replay at Selhurst Park last night. Crystal Palace at first lived with them; later led them; but in the end were beaten more thoroughly than the score revealed.

Liverpool sidily absorbed Palace's most enthusiastic attack-ing, which came early in the game, in satisfying response to the rance's most entitistant attacking, which came early in the game,
in satisfying response to the
demands of the packed crowd. The
situation was an old acquaintance
for the champions who held fast
and watched Palace in the
approaches without giving them
entrance to the penalty area. But
it was not from within the penalty
area that, after 17 minutes, the
real danger evolved.

At that point of high hope for
Palace, Hinshelwood was allowed
to move unchallenged into Liverpool's half, and after exchanging
a short pass with Chatterton, he
lifted an unoublicized shot from
some 25 yards. The ball rose high
over Clemence, who fell back,
only in time to see it drop under
the bar.

the crowd's appreciation raised the spirits of Palace to a new level than Liverpool coolly turned the thermostat on this frozen night. Within two minutes of Palace's goal Hughes was offered a free kick dangerously sighted near goal. He turned it to Heighway, who relayed on to Keegan, and it was a gift for the demon of Aufield, who was too close to

miss.

The tone changed, Liverpool had quelled the flow and for the 25 minutes until half-time they made progressive gains. Keegan was especially productive, either deep behind Fairclough, substituting for Toshack, or searching/out chances in the penalty area. Familiar long passes regularly left Liverpool's midfield to reach Heighway and Fairclough, who became more of a problem for Palace's defence and should have punished them for sloppiness shortly after half-time.

Sansom mistimed a free kick

Sansom mistimed a free kick and Fairclough intercepted only to lose control as he tried to get around Hammond. Although the ball ran loose to Heighway he, too, failed to accept the chance from 10 yards. Alert goalkeeping by Hammond

No sooner had the warmth of delayed Liverpool's second goal until after the hour. He had by Callaghan, whose industry was crucial to Liverpool's commendable slickness, but when Keegan elusively dodged in from the wing, confusing Evaus, goalkeeping skill was useless. Keegan turned a passinto the goalmouth and Hammond could do nothing when Heighway took the ball, casually looked for the simplest opening and side footed the ball into the far corner. The arrival of Palace's substi-tute Harkouk gave them more positive direction at the front. But positive direction at the front. But after 73 minutes Case surged through their weakening midfield and his neat pass allowed Heighway to run clear through and shoot his second goal. It finally deliated Palace in spite of their last-minute spark of defiance when Chatterton ran at them on the right and centred hard for Graham to drive past Clemence.

Graham to drive past Clemence. CRYSTAL PALACE: P. Hammond:
P. Hinshelwood, K. Sansom, P. Holdy.
J. Cannon, I. Evans, N. Chatterion,
C. Craham, S. Perrin. D. Swindlehurst,
B. Silkman 18ub R. Haricoux.
LVVERPOOL: R. Cloraence: P. Nest,
J. Jones. P. Thumpson, R. Kernedy,
E. Hughes, K. Kregan, J. Caso,
Helghway, B. Fairclough, I. Callaghan,
Reforce: J. Tavior (Wolderhamming).

### Manchester City rise above conditions

West Bromwich Albion's chal-West Bromwich Albion's chal-lenge was as fragile as it was filusory and Manchester City, with much to commend them by com-parison in the way of neat and commanding play in wretched conditions, rigotly deserved their place in the FA Cup fourth round. An unpleasant flurry of fists in the final minutes of this

ball of any but a pedestrian standard, and yet a challenge that had to be surmounted. City rose to it, were yards ahead of Albion and once they had their noses in front at an early stage, were never seriously troubled thereafter.

parison in the way of neat and commanding play in wretched conditions, rigority deserved their place in the FA Cup fourth round. An unpleasant flurry of fists in the final minutes of this replay, with Kidd and Cross having their names taken, somehow seemed in keeping with the nature of a game, which had more than its share of tedium.

The gently drifting snow, and steadily dropping temperature throughout, produced conditions that were both a threat to foot-

only too well after 19 minutes when Royle, probably as surprised as anyone, stabbed at a hard-hit centre from Clements and the ball bobbled on the hard and rutted surface. Osborne lost control, Robertson, although in close standards sould do likely about

### Forest's total dominance is thwarted

By Peter Walker
Bristol R 1 Nottingham F 1
Sheer fatigue won this contest,
for at the end of extra time the scoreline was a repeat of the tie at Nottingham, 1—1, with no player able to provide that one explosive moment that would have

Cup ties pay scant attention to ground advantage and the uncommitted at Eastville last night would have presumed Forest to be the home side, such was their control and dominance through-Darlington 0 just failed to reach a Ferguson cross in the 40th minute.

Wann tested Jackson in the Orient goal with the best shot of the night during the latter stages but extra time always looked likely, so ineffective were Orient up front.

Orient, who lost Payne with a leg injury, suffered a further blow out. Surviving an early goal in the fifth minute by Warboys, who brushed aside Chapman to beat Middleton after turning and controlling a right foot drive from eight yards, Forest not only hit back six minutes later but proceeded. during normal time—they had 12 corners as against three—Darling-ton had the best chance when Seal cut head during extra time. ceeded to test and probe the Rovers defence unceasingly. With Bowyer supreme in mid-

field, Lloyd turned his huge attentious to shadowing Warboys, sticking as close to him as tar to a blanket for the remainder of the march. The centre half, who was making his first appearance at the ground since he made his professional debut eight years ago as a Rovers player, was on the receiving end of a few good natured boos for some crunching establishing tackles. But his command of the middle gave Forest a solid base from which to attack.

Their equalizer came from a set

Their equalizer came from a set piece. Anderson's 30-yard kuck was nodded on by Withe to Woodcock, who beat Eadie with a spiendid right-foot drive from a narrow augle. Forest night have got another 10 minutes later, but Bowyer's man shot was straight to Bowyer's snap shot was straight at a well positioned Eadie. Whereas Forest were full of skill and invention, Rovers were

uncharacteristically nervous, un-certain and crude. But for the anticipation, bravery and in no small measure the luck of Rovers's goalkeeper Jim Eadie, Forest would have wrapped up the game with more than half an hour to go. with more than half an hour to go.

How Forest failed to score again will remain one of the game's unsolved mysteries. As it went into extra time, Forest substituted O'Hare with Barrett and Rovers Evans for Hamilton, but the home toam's luck and stamina somehow held out. So they have to meet a third time at an undecided date and venue.

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BRISTOL ROVERS: J. Esdie, P. Bater, L. Parzons, P. Alkon, S. Tarlor, C. Day, A. Sieghens, D. Williams, A. Warder, D. Sieghens, D. Williams, A. Warder, W. Hamilton, A. Esdier, W. Hamilton, A. Mottingham Forest; J. Middle-no. A. Anderson, F. Cark, R. Chapman, A. Anderson, F. Cark, R. Chapman, O'stelli per Williams, College, Williams, Chapman, C. Williams, J. Barrett, Robertson (asb. J. Barrett), Referee: Mr. C. White (Barrow).

### Liverpool must play St Etienne

For the first time in their 13 years of European football Liverpool have drawn French opponents. It was announced from Zurich yesterday that the League champions would play St Etienne in the quarter-final round of the European Cup on March 2 and 16.

European Cup on March 2 and 16.

St Etienne are the best team produced by France for many years. Last season they were highly praised for playing fine football against Bayern Munich in the European Cup final which they were a little unlucky to lose 1—0. Britain's other survivors in Europe, Southampton and Queen's Park Rangers, have been paired with almost equally difficult opponents in the Cup Winners' Cup and Uefa Cup respectively. Southampton meet the Belgian club. Anderlecht, who beat West Ham United in last season's Cup Winners' Cup final, and Queen's Park Rangers face the team who dismissed Derby County in an earlier round of this season's Uefa Cup. AEK Athens. Athens.

Both Liverpool's managaer, Bob Paisley, and St Etienne's, Julius Duraincie, reacted to their European Cop meeting with some understandable apprehension. Mr Duraincie said: "We would certainly have preferred an easier opponent. We are also disappointed that our first leg match will be at home We have always played better when the first leg has been away, but we will play our normal, attacking type of football."

Mr Paisley saw St Etienne Iose

Mr Prisley saw St Etienne lose to Bayern at Hampden Park last season and was impressed. He said yesterday: "They only lost through inexperience of big matches and they don't come any bigger than the European Cup final. They have been picking up

experience this season although they have not been doing so well in lengue games. They are an attacking side. It's going to be difficult to beat them. They have a great player in Rocheteau who was injured before the Hampden final and only came on for the last 20 minutes. He is a real match winner and one of the outstanding players in Europe if not the world." Rochetean had a thigh operation last sammer but has recovered. In this season's European Cup St Etleme have beaten PSV Eindhoven and CSKA, of Bulgaria.

Southampton also have the advantage of playing away to Anderlecht in the first leg of their it. Their manager, Lawrie McMenemy, will be hoping to see his team raise their performance above that shown in second division games this season and this is something Southampton have been able to do in the last two years. He said: "Meeting Anderlecht represents a tremendous test for us. But it is better for our supporters to be able to see one of the most famous sides in Europe. Anderlecht represent the very best in European football. I saw

the most famous sides in Europe. Anderlecht represent the very best in European football. I saw them beat West Ham in the Cup Winners' Cup final last year and was very impressed." They are currently second in the Belgian League and recently sold McKenzie to Evertom for £200,000. Queen's Park Rangers are attempting to maintain Britain's record of being represented in all but one of the last 10 Uefa Cup finals. AEK Atheus will be tough obstacles. Even so, Rangers have avoided the three really difficult clubs left in the last eight, Juventus, Feyemoord and Barcelona.

lona.
Playing at bome in the first leg
adds to Rangers' problems as does
AEK's location ourside the wellworn European routes travelled by

the Rangers manager, David Sexton, who can usually claim to have ton, who can usually claim to have seen his opponents several times. Mr Sexton said: "Obviously all of the teams left at this stage must be good, but I bonestly don't know much about Greek football. I know they beat Derby County earlier in the competition and only a fortnight ago Colin Murphy offered to give us something on them if we were drawn against them. Oddly, they did the same before we met Bratislava." In 1971 Mr Sexton took Chelsea to Athens and won the Cup Winners' Cup.

Bayern Munich, attempting to

Cup.

Bayern Munich, attempting to win their fourth successive European Cup, will meet the Russian champions. Dinamo Kiev, who have strolled through the first two rounds with 6-0 and 5-0 victories over PAOK Salomka and Partizan Belgrade respectively.

European Cup Bayern Munich v Dinamo Kiev. St Etienne v Liverpool. Borussia Mönchen Gladbach (WG) v FG Bruges. Zurich v Dynamo Dresden.

Cup Winners' Cup Levski Spartak, Sofia v Atlético Madrid. Anderiecht v Sonthampton, MTK Budapest v Hamburg SV. Slask Wrociaw (Poland) v Naples.

Uefa Cup Atlètico Bilban y Barcelona. Queen's Park Rangers y AEK Athens.

FC Magdeburg (EG) v Juventus.

Fcyenoord, Rotterdam v RWD

Molenbeek (Belgium).

First leg matches in all three
competitions will be played on
March 2 and second leg matches on
March 16.

### Tottenham spirit stops a rout at Loftus Road

QPR 2, Tottenham 1
With Queen's Park Rangers, Tottenham and West Ham giving London a strong representation in the lower reaches of the first division, this is a crucial week for Rangers, particularly, as they face successive home games against their fellow strugglers. They accomplished the first half of their objective at Loftus Road last night with a narrow, bur deserved, win over Tottenham, which allowed them to leapfrog over their opponents into the of their objective at Loftus Road last night with a narrow, but deserved, win over Tottenham, which allowed them to leapfrog over their opponents into the dizzy heights of 18th place. The

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The early signs were that it would be a rout, with only an unfortunate slip by McLintock on the tricky surface preventing Rangers from scoring in the first minute. After 10 minutes, Webb shot against the crossbar and then headed narrowly over but only a minute later, Rangers at last got the goal they deserved. The goal bears detailed description. Webb found Eastne on the left touchline with a perfect pass; he in turn found Bowles, who wove his way through the Tottenham defence and the mud before ticking his way to give Jennings. picking his spot to give Jennings no chance. Seven minutes later, Clement fired home from the edge of the negativ area following a half-cleared corner and it looked

like becoming a Rangers benefit.

Only the brilliance of Jennings

There determination nearly brought them an equalizer when first Osgood shot wide (a bad miss), and then Pratt's volley was superbly tipped over the bar by Parkes. Both defences were finding the conditions trying and the ball had to be dug out of the clinging mud. Only the two goal-keepers and the conditions prevenchinging mud. Unly the two goal-keepers and the conditions preven-ted a hatful of goals. In fact, the longer the game went on further goals became less likely as dred legs found it increasingly difficult to propel the ball in the right direction at the right speed. Both teams did remarkably well in difficult conditions and in the face of some extraordinary refereeing decisions. The crowd certainly had value for money on the field, but not in the programme. It was printed before Christmas for the original fixture and showed a League table four weeks old. Not exactly the year's best buy at 15p.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: P. Parkto: D. Clement, 1. Ullard, J. Rollins, F. McLiniock, D. Wobb, Easter, M. Leach, D. Masson, S. Bowles, D. Givens. Bowles, D. Givens.
TOTTEMHAM HOTSPUR: P. Jennings: T. Nayler, J. Gorman, G.
Hoddie, J. Prati, K. Osgood, R. Jenes,
S. Perryman, J. Duncan, R. Coates
(and, D. McAnister), P. Taylor Coates
Roferos; R. C. Chalits (Tonbridge).

### FA impose fines on Mullery and Gray

The Brighton manager, Alan Mullery, was fined £100 yesterday by an FA disciplinary commission after being found gullty of bringing the game into disrepute. The Scottish international player, Andy Gray, of Aston Villa, the League's top scorer with 22 goals, was also found gullty of a similar offence and fined £75. Both were ordered to pay the costs of their hearings. Mr Mullery, who was represented by his chairman, Michael Bamber, was ordered to appear sented by his chairman, Michael Bamber, was ordered to appear before the commission following incidents with the Tonbridge referee Ron Challis, in an FA Cup second round replay against Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge on December 6.

Mr Mollery said: "I had a fair hearing and 1 am not prepared to say any more than that." An FA spokesman said that Mr Mullery had given assurances to the commission. the commission.

Gray was called before the com-Gray was called before the commission after the publication of
a photograph which showed him
making gestures to the Manchester
United section of the Villa Park
crowd during their match on
November 6. The FA spokesman
added: "The photograph formed
part of the case but we also
received a letter of complaint.

part of the case but we also received a letter of complaint. I am unable to say whether the case would have been brought or not if the photograph had not been published. The match officials did not see the incident."

Gray is free to play on Saturday in the first division match against Manchester City at Villa Park.

### Hardaker to continue in different role

Mr Alan Hardaker, who retires after 20 years as Football League secretary this summer, confirmed yesterday that he will continue with the League in another with the

"I do not know yet exactly what I will be doing", he said at a lunch in London yesterday. "That will be decided at a meeting of the management committee this weekend. For many people the good news is that I retire on July 31. The bad news is that I will be back at work on August 1."

A former referee, Mr George Readle, is assistant secretary of the League at present the League at present.

### Bolton pitch is considered too dangerous

The second division game between Bolton Wanderers and Carlisle United due to have been played at Burnden Park last night was postponed. Bob Matthewson, the referee, inspected the frozen surface and decided that it would be too dangerous to allow the game to be played.

Newcastle have arranged for an early inspection of their pitch today prior to their home FA Cupthird round replay against Sheffield United in the evening. Mr Matthewson is expected to make

Matthewson is expected to make the inspection.

There were three inches of snow on St James's Park yesterday. The Newcastle United v Manchester City League match which was post-poned on New Year's Day has now been arranged for February 16.

Bloor out for month Alan Bloor, the Stoke City defender, has been ruled out for a month. Bloor, who recently missed several games with a calf injury, cracked two ribs during Soturday's FA Cup defeat by Everton.

### Yesterday's results and scorers

FA Cup third round replays Bristol R (1) 1 Nortm F (1) Wordcock 12,348

Vier extra time. Winners home Crystal P (1) 2 Liverpool (1) 3 Hinshelwood Keegan Graham Heighway (2) Liverpool home to Cartisle

Middlesbrough home to Hereford. Orient (0) G Dariington -(0) After extra time. Winners away to Chariton or Blackburn. windon (2) 5 Fulham (0: 0 Anderson 25,883

WBA (0, 0 Man City (1) 1 27,494 Royle Royle Manchester City away 10 Sheffield United or Nowcastle

First division QP Rangers (2) 2 Tottenham Bowles Duncan Clement 24,256.

Second division Bolton Wanderers v Carlisie United.

Third division

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Walford 11) 2 Newport Mercer, Bond 4,600 Scottish premier division

Collic 10.1 Rangers (0.1 0 Jackson (0.1 1 Jackson ( HOCKEY: London League: Cheam 1.

Today's fixtures FA Cup third round replays

Wredam v Sundorland
Scottish premier division
Aberdeen v Partick Thalle
Heart of Midothian v Hibernian
Scottish Cup second round
Replay
Suring Albion v Stranser
RUGBY UNION: Bath v Royal Navy
17.13; Lydnoy v Cardiff Colloge of
Education; Plymouth Albion v Fatinouth
(7.13; Lydnoy v Cardiff Colloge of
Education; Plymouth Albion v Fatinouth
(7.13; Laff v Civil Service (at
Chiseick).
HOCKEY: London League (2.30):
Brunkey v Oxfor1 University; Sponcer
v London University.

Rugby Union



Helme, St Thomas's wing, tackles Siodlack

### Saunders on target with crucial kick

By Gordon Allan
St Thomas's 12 Charing Cross 9
St Thomas's reached the second
round of the Hospitals Cup rugby
competition for the first time since competition for the first time sface 1972, when they beat Charing Cross at green and pleasant Cobham vesterday, by a goal and two penalty goals to a goal and a dropped goal. Their next opponents, at Enfield on January 25, will be the London, who were runners-up to St Bartholomew's last season. In another first round match Royal Free beat University College 37 points to 10.

St Thomas's were nine points down soon after half-time and won in the last minute when the Charing Cross No 8, Primavesi, was found offside in the loose on his own 10-yard line, and Saunders, St Thomas's full back, kicked his second penalty. Few could have been confident about Saunders succeeding with that kick because he had already missed five penalties, including one or the standard point this because he had already missed five penalties, including one or two from closer range, but this time he struck the hall well, and was mobbed by St Thomas's supporters as he came off the field at the end.

Charing Cross looked the better side in the first half, with Kelly winning many of the lineouts and Hurley, the Richmond stand-off half, kicking coolly and cleverly. But St Thomas's forwards in particular changed all that in the second half, and they might have won with less anxiety if their handling and distribution in midfield had been tidier.

was a dropped goal by I from a ruck in front of the in the second minute. He set it up with one of his ous steepling kicks. He missed a couple of per Three minutes after half-tim ley was in the news agai got the ball under pressur his own line and, in sp stumbling, managed to set three-quarters. three-quarters away.
carried the ball deep in
Thomas's half and Scoscored between the posts. Not long afterwards, St The scored an equally good try, D son made the break in hi half. Burlinson kept the ment going and Donaldson to to take an inside pass for minutes to go. his first penalty. As for his sit will be celebrated at least lanuary 25.

Harlequins have their capt Martin and his second in partner Barratt back against kenhead at the Stoop ground (11.0). Both have recovered from the stoop ground from the stoop ground

shoulder injuries and Harley also expect the full back Bus will be fit to play after reco

ing from a leg injury. Bes at prop because Sass is una able and Howard returns on

London Irish will be wif the scrum half Frost ag-Northampton at Sunbury (1).

Northampton at Sunbury (11. Frost dislocated his shot against the Royal Air Force week and will be out for set weeks, Mahoney deputizes. Kelso are London Scott opponents at Richmond Att ground (10.45). Kelso, who at the second-division of the Scotleague, make the long trip at of their centenary celebrat

of their centenary celebrat Although they will find opponents weakened by intri tional calls, they will still my

strong side with every me having had first team experi

Saracens, after their Zi beating by Richmond last v make wholesale changes for visit of Moseley to South (2.30). Out go the flanker Williams, who was Saracens tain last season, the lock Methe wing Kreeman the Co

the wing Freeman, the c Sanders and the full back S In place of Williams, the year-old Alex Keay is give

chance to stake a regular I Holden, injured just b Christmas comes in for M Hanson, last season's leadin scorer is back on the wing al

six-week lay-off with a haminjury; and Smithers is give

first major game in plac Sanders. Malcolm Phillips, stand-off, dropped last Nove is brought in at full back to some attacking skill.

Moseley, with Corless, Co and Horton in the England against Scotland, rely on the which beat Northampton.

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Bazalgene, the Rosslyn Partre, is in the United States moment, but he is expected home in time for the

### Duckham returns at centr in Warwickshire team

flank.

David Duckham, the England Harlet three-quarter, plays his first game Martin for Warwickshire this season in partner tor warwickshire this season to the county championship semi-final round match against Middlesex at Richmond on Saturday week. Duckham proved his fitness with a sharp display for Coventry Extras against Cardiff Athletic on Satur-day and takes over from Osborne. against Carofft Affilied on Satur-day and takes over from Osborne. He teams up in the centre with the former England international, Peter Preece.

Peter Preece.

At stand-off Aitchison, who has played for Lancashire, is one of two players making their championship debuts. The other is the No 8, Fardoe, a 25-year-old solicitor, who has played only a handful of first team games for Coventry. Fardoe stands 6ft 4ln and replaces Nuneaton's Burdett. There are three other changes. Melvin comes in for the prop There are three other changes.
Melvin comes in for the prop
Broderick, who has a back injury;
Brain replaces Gallagher, who is
named among the replacements as
hooker; and in the second row,
Ninnes takes over from Jones, of
Nuneaton. Coventry provide 11
of the side.

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warwicksmirs: K. Tysall (Coventry): S. Malsey (Coventry): D. J. Duckham (Coventry): P. Prece: (Coventry): T. Barnwell (Coventry): K. Alichison (Coventry): C. Gilford (Moseley): T. Dingley (Coventry): S. Brain (Moseley): F. Molvin (Rugby): L. Barnell (Coventry): B. Ninnes (Coventry): N. Mallk (Coventry): R. Fardoe (Coventry): T. Cowell (Rugby, Capialn):

Fardoe (Coventry). 1. Cowell (Rughy, captain).

Richmond have to make two back row changes for their visit to Gosforth, the John Player Cup holders, on Saturday. Hearn injured a shoulder against Saracens last Saturday and Merrick has to go overseas on naval duties. Pearson replaces Hearn and Dickins comes in at No 8 for Metrick. Hearn captained Richmond last week in the absence of Shackleton, who has a hamstring injury. Both Shackleton and Janion, also injured, hope to start playing again on Saturday week.

Wasps have no fear of the England-Scotland counter-attraction at Twickenham and kick off at 2.30 for the visit of Gloucester to Sudhure.

ton at Twickenham and kick off at 2.30 for the visit of Gloucester to Sudbury. They make two changes, Bell replacing Richards, who is not available on the left wing, and Bignell returning to hook. Rayoer keeps his place in the centre as French is a replace-ment at Twickenham. Tennis

Surrey's rugby match at the army at Esher today has cancelled because the grout unfit. The match was sche to start at 7.30 p.m. Surrey also due to meet a Dutch as side next Sunday but that has also been cancelled be the Dutch team's fluances dipermit them to make the vis

### Miss Tyler is at the top

Michele Tyler, the British Wightman Cup tennis player, is the top ranked under-18 women's player in this country for 1976, shead of Joanne Durie, the triple national junior champion. Leading players with computer. players with computerized points totals:

1. M. Trier (Kont), 5,311; 2. J.

Durie (Gloucesterahire), 5,130; 3. A.
Hobbs (Chemine), 2,740; 4. A. Cooper
(Kent), 2,595; 5. C. Harrison (Surrey), 2,480; 6. D. Jevans (Essex),
2,090; 2,480; 6. D. Jevans (Essex), HOLLYWOOD: Women's tournament:
Pirst round: S. Barker (GB) beat B.
Chypers (SA), 6—1, 6—7, 6—5; K.
Khykendall beat R. Marsikova (Carches)
Beat M. Krueger (SA), 6—4, 4—6, 7—6; S. Wade (GB) heat Z. Leiss,
CO. 1—1, K. May beat F. Duri
France: -6, 7—6, Sanda San ABELAIDS: Men's singles: First round: C. Pasarell (US) beat T. Rocatert (T. 1971); H. lanner (US) beat R. Bernated (US, T.—5, 6, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5, 7.—5,

Athletics

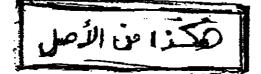
### Middlesex pick **Bedford**

David Bedford, the 27-yes world 10,000 metres track r holder, will run for Middles the inter-countes cross-co-championship at Branksome Leicester, on January 22.

Bedford, who finished eight the Middlesse championship at His race at Cockfosters w. first for more than a year, a hamstring injury.

### New chairman

At yesterday's meeting of Royal Yachting Association racing division, Vernon Str was chosen unanimously to chairman of the RYA Oly



SPORT,

### Mr Sloan entertains with a winning Fontwell double act

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent

Racing was only just possible at Fontwell Park yesterday. When I arrived at the course at 11 o'clock there was still bone in the ground following an overnight frost. But luckily, the sun came out half at hour later and by the time that the first race was run at 12.30 no one could have dreamt that the meeting had been in jeopardy. There was no more entertaining race than the Robert Gore Memorial Challenge Cup, which was won by Monfire, ridden by his owner, the American amateur, George Stoan. Together, they beat Jeremy Glover's mount, Moonstone Lad, by three and a half lengths, but that bare result reveals only half the story. Towards the end of the second of the three circuits Mr Sloan rode a go.

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Brantridge Farmer won the Petworth Handicap Steeplechase for the second year in succession, this time carrying a stone more than when he was successful 12 months ago. This was also his fifth win at Foutwell, and I have never seen this rider, Bill Smith, whose beart tridge Farmer stood off much too far from the first fence of all, and nearly paid for his boldness. Brantridge Farmer won the Petworth Handicap Steeplechase for the second year in succession, this time carrying a stone more than when he was successful 12 months ago. This was also his fifth win at Foutwell, and I have never seen this rider, Bill Smith, whose beart ridge Farmer stood off much too far from the first fence of all, and nearly paid for his boldness. Brantridge Farmer met the same fence all wrong the next time in the same result reveals only half the story. Towards the end of the second of the tree circuits Mr Sloan rode at the first farmer was the product of the second follows. Racing Correspondent

won by Monfire, ridden by his owner, the American amateur, George Stoan. Together, they beat Jeremy Glover's mount, Moonstone Lad, by three and a half lengths, but that bare result reveals only half the story. Towards the end of the second of the three circuits Mr Sloan rode a vigorous flish on Monfire and pulled up 12 lengths ahead of his nearest rival thinking that he had already won. But when the rest of the field raced past him on the hill, Mr Sloan suddenly realized his mistake and set off in hot pursuit.

three racing days from only five rides, which is not bad going by

ne nat on the race from the word go.

Fred Winter's camp followers should have had a distinctly profitable day. The stable's three runners Noble Game (9—2) Tarter Rose (12—1) and Jackadandy (15—8) all won, giving the stable and their jockey, John Francome, a 204—1 treble. This was the champing jockey's second trable. hill, Mr Sloan suddenly realized his mistake and set off in hot pursuit.

Monfire quickly made up the ground, which either says something good for him or belittles his opposition. Whatever the truth he finally managed to outstay Mooustone Lad. He returned to the unsaddling enclosure with blood pouring from a cut below his near-fore joint, which I suspect he sustained when he lit the guard rail very hard the last time round at the fence
Happily, Mr Sloan was able to fly back to his home in Tennessee last night knowing that the wound was not nearly as bad as it looked at the time, and that Monfire had only nicked a vein. Mr Sloan plans to be back in this country to ride Monfire in the Grand National. On this, his latest visit.



Lacrimally (C. Read) makes an undignified exit from Fontwell's Walberton Novices

of his long and successful career.
And the wizard of Findon was
there to see him win yesterday by
20 lengths. Those who took the
hint were rewarded with 11-8 for
their money.

Nobody will be more pleased to
win the Well To Do Challenge Cup
at Towcester today than Tim
Forster, who won the Grand
National in 1972 with Well to Do.
The trophy has been presented by
John Sumner in memory of his
late wife, Heather, who owned
Well To Do during the early

part of his career. In her will, Mrs Summer left the National winner to Forster who has hopes of winning today's race with Toy Flag, it may seem foolish to think that Toy Flag can win today when you realize that he has never completed the course racing over fences, yet I still feel inclined to give him another chance.

Last season, he had his first two steeplechases at his mercy when he fell towards the end and he was brought down in a third. This season Toy Flag has already

shown himself to be in good fettle by winning a hurdle race at Win-capton. Willy What who finished third to Shifting Gold and Cuckcider at Kempton on December 27, will appeal to many as the more reliable bet, but I still prefer Toy Flag who certainly has the ability to win if only he can harness his jumping to that ability

STATE OF GOING (official): Tow-ister: soft (no inspection planted) elso: abandoned. Tomorrow: Win-ntron: good to soft. Southwell: soft

### Watkinson banishes an unhappy memory

By Michael Seely Iau Watkinson, whose stylish riding has attracted so much favourable comment this season, favourable comment this season, finally banished an unhappy memory when winning one of the four divisions of the Croxton Park Novices Hurdle on Lowndes Square at Leicester yesterday. With 45 successes to his credit last season, Watkinson's 20 victories so far this campaign have included his patient handling of Zeta's Son to capture the Hennessy Cognac old Cup at Newbury in November. But five years ago it was a different story. Watkinson, struggling against ill luck and problems with his weight rode an ill-judged race on Tutor's Best for the late Sidney Banks at Huntingthe late Sidney Banks at Hunting-don. Mr Banks vowed that the Newmarket jockey would never ride for him again. Yesterday the 28-year-old Watkinson remem-bered the occasion well. " I was going through a bad patch at the

Towcester programme

1.0 LONGWATER HURDLE (Div 1: Novices: £340: 2m)

time and being over-anxious went to the front far too soon." Having his first ride since for the family, Watchnson rode a powerful finish yesterday to resist the determined challenge of the 9-4 favourite, Tempest Girl.

Owned and trained by Michael Banks, a grain contractor from Sandy in Bedfordshire, Lowndes Square was bought out of Jeremy Tree's stable for 1700 guineas at the Newmarket September sales. If the four-year-old continues to

If the four-year-old continues to progress on the right lines, Mr Banks would like to aim Lowndes Square at the race named after his father, the £4,000 Sidney Banks Memorial Hurdle at Huntingdon on February 10.

The first running of this event was won so brilliantly last year by Grand Canyon. The Huntingdon event could well form a Cheltenham preliminary for the Sun Alliance Hurdle probable John Cherry, whom Warkinson has

/ATER HURDLE (Div 1: Novices: £340: 2m)

Physicist (C-D) 11. Kershawt, J. Gifford, 5-11-8. R. Champion

Jimmylisher Lt. Thwaltes, L. Thwaltes, 6-11-0 Mr. L. Thwaltes, 7

Little Cament (IF. Shall R. Fowler, 7-11-0

Yell (J. Joseph, J. Joseph, 6-11-0 ... J. Guest
Alpha Prince (Mrs R. Goocht, H. Westhrook, 5-10-12

S. Smith-Ecries

Atoha Prince (Mrs R. Goden: F. S. Smith-Ecries
Betton (Mrs R. Wallace), T. Forsier, S-10-12 ... G. Thorner
Fruit Picker (Mrs B. Peace), D. Nicholson, S-10-13
Head Waltor (J. Chee-A-Tow), R. Supple, S-10-12 T. Bridge 5
Paction G. Burri, G. Burr, S-10-13 ... F. Collings 3
Reyal Boon (Mrs R. Chapman), D. Morley, S-10-12
Reyal Boon (Mrs R. Chapman), D. Morley, S-10-12
Davies

Shore Captain Mrs D. Recs-Davies, M. Scuda

1.30 WATERHALL STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £442: 2m 50yd)

9-1 Queen's College, 11-4 Shore Captain, 7-2 Physicist, 9-2 Aloha 8-1 Royal Door, 12-1 Fruit Picker, 20-1 others.

2.0 BROADWATER HURDLE (Handicap: £524: 2m)

trainer, Peter Balley, announced that if Newcastle was abandoned Prince Rock would be rerouted to Warwick on Saturday week. Balley also said that Strombolus, who won the New Year Day's

ridden to victory in his only two efforts over burdles to date.

Another jockey in form yesterday was Bob Champion, who landed a double. He won the Rugby Handicap Steeplechase on Viewfinder, who has now won four times from five starts, his only defeat coming when falling at the second fence in Early Spring's race at Sandown Park on Saturday, and on Station Master in the second division of the Cottesmore Novices Steeplechase. Both horses are owned by a former master of foxhounds, John Brazil, and trained by Peter Cunded at Compton.

After another Berkshire-trained animal, Rossmon, had finished third to Station Master, his trainer, Peter Balley, announced that if Newrastle was abandoned of the Novices Steple trainer, Peter Balley, announced that if Newrastle was abandoned to the Novices Steple trainer, Peter Balley, announced that if Newrastle was abandoned to the Novices Steple trainer, Peter Balley, announced that if Newrastle was abandoned an end only appearance that if Newrastle was abandoned to the Novices Hurdle on the Novices Steple trainer, Peter Balley, announced that if Newrastle was abandoned at the Novices Hurdle on the Novices Steeple trainer, Peter Balley, announced that if Newrastle was abandoned at New Date of the Novices Hurdle on the Novices Steeple trainer, Peter Balley, announced that if Newrastle was abandoned the Novices Hurdle at Windsor, would run in the Embassy Handicap Hurdle at Haydock Park on the Embassy Handicap Hurdle on have been formulated for his Autonal Caudidate Zeta's Son.

As well as Champion, the Ziver of the Novices Steeple two winners, taking the Daniel Lambert Handicap Hurdle on Gay Signal for Hugh Nugent and division of the Novices Hurdle on Gay Sig season, Lanky Lad having scored on his one and only appearance at Newbury in November.

Tommy Stack, who has been going through a lean spell recently, had only his second winner from 60 mounts when partnering Paper Rich to take one of the Maiden Hurdles.

f2p-401 Watafella (D) (A. Phelps), Mrs J. Pitman, 7-10-0 B. Smart p-p00 Another will (D) (Mrs J. Duffy), T. Marshall, 9-10-0 C. Brow 5-1 Gathering Storm, 9-2 Just July, 11-2 Mr Linnet, 6-1 Alamein, 8-1 Golde Duckling, 10-1 Barry John, Jacksmale, 12-1 Pearly, Pop Song, 20-1 others. 2.30 LONGWATER HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £340: 2m)

Mrs S. French, 6-11-0 Mrs S. French, 6-11-0 Mrs S. F. Mrs Stabbs (W. McKenzie-Coles), G. Kindersiey, 6-11-0 C. Petit, D'Or (B. Morgan), Morgan, 9-11-0 B. R. Poste Royale (Mrs R. Collie), D. Morley, 7-11-0 B. R. Tesle Lad (J. Elweil), Elweil, 9-11-0 S. R. Baronet (T. Harris), K. Bailey, 6-10-1 S. M. Deep Memories (Mrs C. Floming), T. Forster, 5-10-1 

11 0-p3003 Even William (G. Kindersley), G. Kindersley, 6-11-5 Candy
12 p-p Fair Double (Mrs J. French), Mrs J. French, 9-11-5 French
13 pp-p Forest of Wychwood (Mrs D. Barnett), Mrs D. Barnett), Mrs D. Barnett
14 pp-p000 Fortune's Pride (I. Joseph), J. Joseph, D. Oughton, N. Holman 7
15 020 French Coin (J. Furbar), Mrs D. Oughton, N. Holman 7
16 000410, Netwern (H. Lee), R. Edwards, 6-11-3 ... Mr M. Holman 7
17 30-3225 Old Man Dimplex (E. Wado), F. Winter, 10-11-5 J. Francono
18 00020-60 Simons Martini F. Mann, 8-11-5 ... ... J. Haine
19 00030 Simons Martini F. Mann, 8-11-5 ... ... J. Haine
19 0004 Discount Market, 100-30 Regal Choice, 1-1 Peaceful Blossing, 6-1 Old
Man Dimplex, 8-1 Calify, 10-1 Belaye, 12-1 French Coin, 20-1 others.

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19 24-203 Willy What (Mrs J. Wakcham), S. Mellor, 9-10-13 ... J. Giover
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By Our Racing Correspondent

1.0 Queen's College. 1.30 Regal Choice. 2.0 Gathering Storm. 2.30 El Padre. 3.0 Toy Flag. 3.30 Golden Bob.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.0 Aloha Prince. 2.0 Barry John. 2.30 Poste Royale, 3.8 Napoleon Brandy. 3.30 Hot Hand.

11.45 (11.48) COTTESMORE STEEPLECHASE (DIV ): Navices:

ALSO RAN: 5-2 | lav Strongbox b 7-1 Klipppringer 9-1 Verona Bay. 13-1 E Harve 7-1 Bimbech 1-4th - 53-7 Osgodby Coppler 30-1 Scots Cracker, Plaining Tale (p). 11 230. TOTE Win. 42p: places, 13p. 11p. 26p. D. Greig, at Cranleigh. 1, 15l. 10.45 (12.46) CROXTON PARK HURDLE (DIV 1: Part 2: £505: 2m) Lownder Square, ch c, by Pail Mail

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Tempest Girl R. Dickin 19-3 (3ct. 2

Statiold Pride . J. Nolan (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-3U Oedipus (4th.)

12-1 Miss Kung Fu, 16-1 Regent
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25-1 Challow, Jolly Late, Laconic Air.

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Shady Fox, Swanes Music, Wise Child.

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TOTE: Win St.1(2) piscess. 300, 14p.

TOTE: Win, \$1.19; places, 30p, 14p, 15p, M, Banks, at Sandy, 1'sl, 13l. 1.15 (1.16) BROOK HURDLE (Handi-GRI: £381: 2m)

Summer Serenade, br m, by Mid-summer Night II—55 lensister (G. THE). 6-11-15

Rogal Sird . A. Love (evens fav) 2

Skar Speaker . T. Andrews (9-2) 3 ALSO RAN: 8-1 Rutland, Take It Easy, 10-1 Low Profile, 25-1 Blake-wan (44r, Walthan Lad, Brown Derby, w ran. Pemala did not run.

Handlag: SEG: 2m;
Viewfinder, b g, by Menciek—
R. Champion (15.R) 1
Viewfinder, 100-50; 2
Pizza D, Cartwright (6-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 16-1 Soho Soi (4th),
Col. Perpol (1) 5 ran.
TOTE: Win. 39p; forecast, £1.44. P.
Candell, at Compton. 31, 21-L London
Express did not run. 2.15 (2.17) COTTESMORE STEEPLE-CHASE (DIV I): £648, 5m) Station Master, b g, by Master Owen
—First Class II. Brazil: 8-10-12
Glasgow Express . B. Smart . 5-1;
Rosenon . N. Tinkler 17-2 Jf fav; ALSO RAN: 7-2 | 1 av 14:finny 1-4. 6-1 Tiepin, 12-1 Boltown Covert, 16-1 Wilbenbert (f. 20-1 Barberty pp. 33-1 Dingley Idol (4th), Red Spot (p), 10 720 TOTE: Win. 36p; places. 21p. 27p. 14p; dual forecast. £1.16. P. Cundell, at Compton. 6i. 8i. Floating Exchange did not run. 2.45 (2.48) DANIEL LAMBERT HURDLE / Handicap. 1614: 2m; Cay Signal, b m, by Lord Guyling Tac (Lady Nugent), 5-11-5
Saragusa S, Smith-Eccles (4-1 lay, 2 Correspie ..., 1, Roberts (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: "-2 Battle Love, 7-1
Samathings Missing, 8-1 Wilmore, 10-1
Fighting Cock, Breun, 12-1 Ronorm, 16-1 Oawdoon, 20-1 Oarng Dolly (4th), Cinsel Circuit, Limner, Our Wardie, Cadora, Moneyman, Say Boy, Proud Knight, 18 Fun.
TOTE Win, 12-102, niaces, 250, 150. TOTE: Win, 121.02, places, 56p, 15p, 56p, 35p, D. H. L. Nugent, al Lambourn, 51, 8l. Zollaman and Red Bock did not run, 5.15 (3.17) CROXTON PARK HURDLE
(DIV II: Part 1: 1-y-o. ESG5: 2m;
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Venture-Aimisdale
Norris: 11-0 . S. Johar 116-1; 7
Dickdown . . . . P. Barton (B-1) 2
Southern Mobile
R. Champion (2-1 Iav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Clare, 8-1 Aftrey,
Island Mist. 10-1 Tacaronto (p), 14-1
Sweel Villie, 16-1 The Verger (p), 20-1
Maytide 14th. Leenin Lad, Piedda
Light, Sarah Doon, Sparel, Erazos (p),
TUTE Wh: ES. 47; places: 31p, 15p,
12o. S. Meslor, at Lambourd, 22s,
15j. 120. S. Mellor. at 121. Streeze Wagon did not run.

3.45 (3.47) CROXTON PARK #URDLE (Div II: Part II: 4-y-o; £503: 3m)

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Dec De Belebee S, Johan (14-1) 2
Shuwakman ..., T, Stack (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN, 3-1 fav Touch of Class,
4-2 Durham Lad, 8-1 Laulock (1).

ran.

TOTE: Win: \$2.75: places 72p, \$1.42; 15p, M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton, 8l, 20l.

TOTE BOUBLE: Lownder Square and Viewfinder: \$11.00. TREBLE: Paper Rich, Summer Serenade and Station Master, \$73.57. Fontwell Park

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12:50 12:821 PULBOROUGH MURDLE
(Div 1: Part 1: \$5.53: 2m 1t)

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ALSO RAN: 2:1 Iav Princelv Riffe
(4th: 8:1 Willings Hope, 1:3:1 1:2) Charry
Down, Easy Move, Swast Buckler, 20:1 Grey Ruiter (a), 25:1 Rudolich's
Verdict (1), 50:1 Earlie's Craq, Gang
Warfare, Master Thief, Hill Fig. Indian
Sol. Twist. 16 run.

TOTE: Win. 510: places, 250, 300, 270. F. Winter at Lambourn, NA, 2:4. 1.0 (1.2) WALBERTON STEEPLE-CHASE (C767: 2m 3t) 1.0. (1.2. WALBERTON STEEPLE-CHASE (CROT) 2m 2t.

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Damsde Mrs. J. Wilson (10-1).

Ralmatal (4h), 12-3 Colden Daws (o., 8).

Ral Lactimally (1). 10-1 Trinity Man.
33-1 Abericur. Mr. Drate (u., Chocolate King (disq), 11 ray.

TOTE: Win, 25p. biscs, 28p. 12p.
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for failing to weigh-in was sustained.

Ralmatal and Abericum moved up one
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ace. Prides Pal did not run. 1.30 (1.53) LIDSEY MURDLE (Handi-cap £198, 2m 1f) 2.0 (2.1) ROBERT CORE STEEPLE-CHA55 (Handicap: £1.158; Sm 21) Meetire, ch g, by Monty U-Firey (G. Stoan: 16-12-5 Mr G. Stoan (9-4 fav) 1

13-2 Ambremont. 16-1 Market Sage Moonstone Lad . J. Glover :5-2: 2 Mind. 20-2 The Four Hundred Smart Indian Pyrilie 14 Mr. 3 J. Wilson :11-2: 3 Market Paul Gauguin, Braisma :15-1 Alformum :4-th. 20-1 Manitor's Indian In Tudoramum 4th 20-1 Manitoe's Venture 6 ran. TOTE: Win, 28p. places, 1%p, 21p: Toreast 72p. J. Gifford at Findon, 2:31 2:31

2.50 (2.52) PULBOROUGH HURDLE
(Div 1: Part II. 1375: 2m 11)
Genovese, b g, bv Ribrro—Cold
Frame (Mrs D. Grissell), 5-11-5
Friendly Queen . R. Allins (20-1) 2
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J. Froncome (20-1) 2
ALSO RAN: 11-1 fav Scariet Leader (4hr. 1:-2 Skys the Limit, 15-2 Rosswood, Rii Stalion, 13-1 Vrandi, 5-1
Cours (2). Ring of the Meadow pr. (20-2) (20-TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 19p, 69p, 30p. Virs D Grissell at Heathfield. 5.0 (5.1) PETWORTH STEEPLE-CMASE Handicap: £926: 2m 2f)

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TOTE: Win. 51p: places, 26p. 24p,

24p. F. Winter, at Lambourn, 1-1, 71. 1.0 (A.2.) PULBOROUGH HURDLE

(Div B: Part B: 12815: 2m It)

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Andrew J. King (11-8 fav. 7

Antonio Song, N. Waking (55-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Foolsome, 11-2 Pate
Saint, 19-1 Nord, Sanct Hill (4th. 30-1 Karamist (pt. River Dance, Lambeth, 37-1 Monumental Momental Ossier, Ear (pt. Rosekell, 13 ran. 10TE; Win, 18p; places, 15p, 18p, 72p, H. Prico, 3| Findon, 20t, ci.

TOTE DOUBLE: Prosen and Genotese (52:5,70 TREBLE: Batter Rose, Monling and Brapthridge Ther, E16.40.

### Today's card at Kelso abandoned Racing has again been disrupt

by the weather. Today's card at Kelso was abandoned yesterday morning because of heavy snow on the course. The stewards had criginally decided to inspect the course at 3.30 pm but because of a deterioration in the weather, they brought it forward to 11.15 am.

they brought it forward to announce.

The Clerk of the Course, Bill McHarg, said: "We had an inch of snow on the course early today, but it has continued to snow all morning and we had no option but to abandon the meeting."

This brings the number of meetings already lost this year to 16, and the total of abandonments this season to 58. season to 58.
Todays meeting at Towceste

ooks safe. A course official said at 9.30 yesterday morning: "We have escaped the bad weather." Southwell's Clerk of Course, Keith Ford, is equally optimistic regarding tomorrow's meeting. He said "We had the finest sprinkling of snow last night and it is of mo consequence. The going will be

A spokesman for Wiocanton, tomorrow's other fixture, said that there was "a slight frost this morning, but the track is free of snow, and everything is all right at the moment." The Clerk of the Course at Ascot, Nick Beaumont, said: "We have missed all the rain and snow. At the moment the going for Friday's meeting is to soft."

Prospects for the two-day meet-ing at Newcastle, starting on Fri-day, are not good. The whole course is now covered with nearly tive inches of snow. The Clerk of the Course Fred Newton, said yesterday afternoon: "More snow and frost are forecast, and there will have to be a big change in the weather if we are to race. It is that encourseing and I will is not encouraging, and I will issue a further statement on Wednesday afternoon.".

### Rimell supports decision on Zip Fastener

The champion National Hunt trainer Fred Rimell has supported Geoffrey Hopkins, the Clerk of the Scales involved in the dis-qualification of Zip Fastener who won the Sudbury Novices' Steeple-chase at Uttoyeter on Occumber chase at Uttoxeter on December

Rimell, who won his fourth Grand National last year with Rag Trade, said last night: "The case should never have reached London. The horse should have been disqualified after the race at Uttoxeter."

After dismounting from Zip Fastener in the winner's enclosure, his rider, John Burke, walked straight into the changing room, bypassing the scales. Mr Hopkins lodged an objection on the grounds that Burke had failed to weigh in as required, although he had actually sat on the scales. Rimell is believed to have alerted Burke, who was sitting in the changing room, and called his jockey back to "weigh-in". Jockey back to "weigh-in".

The Uttoxeter stewards accepted that Burke has not discarded his tack and saddle, and rejected the objection. The Clerk of the Scales then appealed to higher authority, and fresh evidence was provided which led to Zip Fastener being stripped of the race at a Jockey Club inquiry in London on Monday. Burke was fined 550.

The race was swarded to the runner-up. Slips, trained by Goorne Vergotte, who had questioned Burke's evidence in the inquiry after the race, maintaining that the jockey had taken his colours off before returning to the scales.

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Jeffrey King, who has won two of the four runnings of the Blue Circle Cement Steeplechase, will ride Skryne for his former employer, Peter Bailey, in Saturday's E5,000 renewal of the two-mile Ascot handicap. King partners Skryne in preference to his winning mount in 1976, Royal Relief, Edward Courane's veteran. who Edward Courage's veteran, who has finished in the frame every year since the race's inception in 1973, has once again been declared.

1973, has once again been declared to run.

The other eight acceptors include Skymas, the winner of Cheltenham's National Hunt Two-mile Champion Steeplechase from Brian Lusk's co Antrim yard; the Bob Turnell-trained pair, Early Spring and Shock Result; last year's runner-up, Dulwich, and Slips, the horse awarded victory at the end of the Uttoxeter weighing-in controversy, involving the disqualification of Zip Fastener.

Cricket

### MCC players happily confounded by enthusiasm of crowds

Nogpur, Jan 11.—Imagine a small-town repertory company being thrust on to the London West End stage and you can get some idea of the changed circumstances of MCC's cricketers in India. From England, where they labour for an average wage of around £3,000 a scason and are recognized only by the keenest of county supporters, they have been transported to a world where they are tdolized like film stars. In Calcutta last week a wellthey are idolized like film stars. In Calcutta last week a well-known Indian film actor who, was preening himself in the foyer of a leading hotel, suddenly found he was no longer the focus of attention as Tony Greig led his team through the from door.

Greig, of course, is instantly recognizable. To be tall and blond in India is to be as conspicuous as a hippy in the Royal enclosure at Ascot.

Ascot.

But even Greig has never encountered adulation on the scale he has received it here. A policeman with a heavy wooden cudgel shadowed him through the team's stay in Calcuta, and heads turn wherever he goes.

For the rest of the players the treatment is much the same and if the manager, Ken Barrington. For the rest of the players the treatment is much the same and if the manager, Ken Barrington, took advantage of all the offers of hospitality there would be no time for cricket. He estimates he has already declined well over a hundred invitations to official functions. Barrington's postbag also reflects the team's popularity, with hundreds of letters arriving each week. He has no secretary to help him, but where possible, he sends a reply.

For Barrington this is what a nostalgic trip, for he was here with Ted Dexter's team in 1961—62 and again under Mike Smith in 1963—64. He describes the changes since then as incred-

internal jet service.

But it is when discussing the interest his team's presence in India has caused that his voice fills with wonderment. Be remembered Eden Cardens in Calcutta as just another Test ground and was stunned by the colossal 80,000 crowd which packed in this time.

Wherever MCC have played, crowds have flocked to see them. Even in Gauhati, in the remote North-East corner of India, the turn-out for the game against East Zone was bigger than in England except a Test or Gillette Cup match.

Boxing

### Pensacola date for Foreman

New York, Jan 10.-George Foreman, the former world heavyweight champion, will box Pedro Acosta, of Poerto Rico, in a 10round bout at Pensacola, Florida, on the 22nd of this month, Don King, the promoter, announced here tonight. It will be the Texan's fourth contest in six months. Since his fifth-round knockout of Joe Frazier last June Frazier announced his retirement after that ordeal—Foreman has flattened Scott Ledoux in three rounds and Dino Dennis in

His opponent on January 22 was to have been Larry Middleton, but this match has fallen through and Middleton's place will be filled by Acosta, who does not figure among the world's leading heavy-weights. He has been boxing professionally since 1966 and has a record of 34 wins—19 inside the distance—seven defeats and one draw. The bout that everyone wants to

the your mat everyone wants to see—Foreman against the world champion, Muhammad Ali, the only man to have defeated him seems unlikely to take place for at least three months, but nego-tiations are said to be still pro-

tlations are said to be still proceeding.

Meanwhile Maurice Toweel, the promoter, said in Johanhesburg that Mike "The Tank" Schutte, the South African heavyweight, would box Chuck Wepner, of United States, there next month. Schutte will box Wepner, rated the world No 9 by Ring magazine, on February 12, the promoter said, adding that victory for the former South African champion would put him in the world ratings and qualify him to meet Ali for the world title.

Muhammad Ali which would pro-bably take place in Manch or April, either here or in the United States. Schutte lost his South African title last August to Gerrie Coetzee when he was dis-qualified after butting, elbowing and kicking his opponent.— Agencies.

Junior boxing dates Europe's 1978 junior amateur boxing championships will be staged at the National Stadium, Dublin, from June 8 to 17.

Squash rackets **England recall** Richardson

for Cork event John Richardson, of Surrey, who

last represented England at squash rackets in the 1975 European championships, is recalled for the home internationals in Cork this weekend.

The rest of the team is: J.
Leslie (Bucks), P. Kenyon
(Lancs), P. Ayton (Sussex) and
M. Corby (Middlesex) or I.
Robinson (Yorkshire), Corby and
Robinson will play off for the
fifth place at the Lambton Club. fifth place, at the Lambton Club, The women's team will be: A. Smith (Staffs), S. Cogswell (Warwickshire), K. Gardner (Hampshire), T. Lawes (Kent), F. Marshal (Yorkshire) with T. Johnson (Surrey) as reserve.

UAU hockey draw Exeter, the title holders, will meet Bangor in the quarter-final round of the Universities Athletic Union hockey championship, which will now be played on January 26. The draw is: Loughborough v Sheffield: Bangor v Exerer: Swansea v Manchester; Birmingham v Rast Anglia.



Nearly every young member of the crowd comes armed with an autograph book. They recognize the players instantly from their study of photographs and even the most burried and illegible of signamires becomes a cherished.

possession.

It is almost impossible for the players to find a moment's privacy. Sitting by a hotel pool or even in their bedrooms they are still pursued by autograph hunters and other well-wishers. the changes since then as incredible, with food and accommodation of a far higher standard and air travelling time now cut by half because of the introduction of an internal jet service.

But the extra demands on the English cricketers are made worthwhile by the pleasure of playing in front of large, enthusiastic crowds and the hospitality which is given so willingly which is given so willingly wherever they stay. It will take much time to readjust themselves to the English season at the end collections with a much time to readjust themselves to the English season at the end of April.—Reuter.

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Sydney, Jan 11.—Pakistan could make several changes in their attempt to square the series in the third and final Test match against Australia, starting here on Friday. Pakistan's match against Queensland made it clear that the visitors must make some changes.

The fast bowlers Salim Altaf and Asif Masood have been out of form as has the young all-rounder Javed Miandad. In line for pro-

motion are the bassmen, Wasim Raja and Haroon Rashid, and the fast bowler Sarfraz Nawaz. Both bassmen hit hundreds against Queensland.

To drop Salim and Mascod and bring back Sarfraz would leave Pakistan with two fast bowlers. Imran and Safraz, with the likelihood of Asif Iqbal as a supporting medium-fast bowler.—Reuter.

Chester-le-Street sign Wasim Raja

Wasim Raja, the Pakistan Test cricketer, has been engaged as professional for Chester-le-Street in the Durham Semior League. He will be unavailable for Durham in the Gillette Cup because the Minor Counties champions registered the Indian Test player, Mobinder Amarnath, in 1976, as their over-seas representative.

JESSORR, Bengladrsh: MCC 204 for 5 det: South Zone 111 for 5. MONTEGO BAY: Shell. Shield: Barbados 445: Jamaica 154 1J. Garnor 5-56) and 125 (B. Williams 68; D. A. J. Hellord 5-97). Barbados won by an innings and 69 rus. DUNEDIN: Women's international match: New Zesland 200 and 225 for dec 18. Secure 1 for the 1 mola 277 and 45 for 5. Match drawn.

### Injury puts Miss Nelson out of World Cup

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, West Germany, Jan 11.—Annemarle Moser, of Austria, stretched her lead in the women's World Cup here today, with the narrowest downhill victory of her career. Her win maintained the invinci-bility of the Austrians in downhill events this season. Mrs. Moser. bility of the Austrians in downhill events this season. Mrs Moser, her colleague Brigitte Habersatter, and men's Olympic champion; Franz Klammer, have between them won every Cup race in this discipline so far.

It was the forty-fifth World Cup victory for Mrs Moser, who won the trophy five times before going into temporary retirement in 1975, and her third downhill success this season. But it could not have been much closer. Mrs Moser beat Switzerland's Bernadette Zurbriggen by only Olisec and a mere three-tenths of a second separated the top five. The

and a mere three-tenths of a second separated the top five. The race, a dress rehearsal for next year's world championship to be held over the same course, was marred by an accident to the American Olympic bronze medal winner, Cindy Nelson.

Miss Nelson, from Lusten, Minnesota, third in last year's Innsbruck Olympic downhill, crashed into a boundary fence after completing the exacting 2.8-kilometre (1.75-mile) course in twelfth place. She was taken to twelfth place. She was taken to hospital where doctors diagnosed a broken ankle. Rate officials said Miss Nelson, 21, would be unable to ski for 10 to 12 weeks, unable to ski for 10 to 12 weeks, ruling her out of the rest of the World Cup season.

The main cuallenge to Mrs Moser came not as expected from Mrs Habersatter, witner of two of the previous downhills, but from Mss Zurbriggen, her team-mate Marie-Therese Nadig, and the West Germans, Irene Epple and Evi Mittermaier. All four finished within 0.3sec of the win-

ner's time of Imin 51.00sec. Mrs. Habersatter was sixth. Habersatter was sixth.

Cheered on by Austrians, the 23-year-old champion laid the foundations of her win on the upper stretch of the course. The beavier-built Swiss downhill specialists had shown to training that they could use their greater weight to go faster on the lower section. Mrs Moser, only ninth fastest in training, said afterwards: "I hadn't given up hope after the practice results but I still wasn't too sure of myself. My only chance of success lay in negotiating the first bends perfectly."

Miss Zurbriggen again proved she can fulfil the promise shown at the start of lest season when she won three World Cup down-hills. But for the 1972 Olympic thampion Miss Nadis started of a World Cup win for almost two years, today's result was frustrating. "I know deep within me that I can win and I'm getting better with each race. My problem now, more than ever, is getting psychological control over myself and tuning myself up mentally before races, she commented.

COMMENTAL: 1. A. Moser (Austria).

BOWNHILL: 1. A. Moser (Austria).

Imin 51.00sec; 2. B. Zurbriggen
i Switzerland: 1.51.17; 3. M. Madig
i Switzerland: 1.51.27; 4. E. Epple
i Switzerland: 1.51.27; 5. M. Sadig
i Switzerland: 1.51.27; 5. S. E.

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Spites (Austria: 1.52.70; 10. N.

Nelson (1:3), 1:55.30; Eritish placings:

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WORLD CUP PLACINGS: 1. A. Moser (Austria: 1.12 pts: 2. B. Haber-siter (Austria: 1.10: 3. L. Morrand (Austria: 1.10: 1.10: 3. L. Morrad

### world title. Toweel said he had a contract for a bout between Schutte and Muhammad Ali which would probably take place in March of the said he had a contract to the said he had a contra win combined title

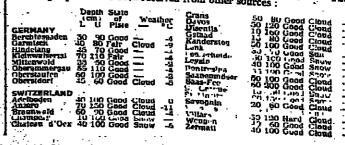
Val d'Isère, Jan 11.—Peter van der Swalue, of the Netherlands, won the men's slaiom in Low-landers' Alpine ski championships here today, and Peter Fuchs, of Britain, took the combined file. Fuch's who won yesterday's downhill, finished third today and just pipped the Dutchman.

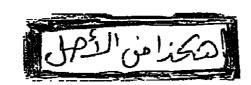
The women's slalom went to Anne Robb, of Britain, and Linda Esser, of the Netherlands, who was second, took the combined file.

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PARLIAMENT, January 11, 1977.

### Mr Jenkins sees EEC at junction | Two Indian of generations: Community's task not to invoke history but to make it

If the European Community was not careful it might be the young who would yawn at Europa and only their edders who would only their eiders who would remember its great message, Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the EEC Commission, said in his first speech to the European Parliament when he presented the members of the new Commission who were sworn in at a ceremony in the European Court of Justice this

morning.

Europe was at a potentially dangerous function of generations, Mr Jenkins said. It was their duty not to invoke history but to start once again to make it; not to praise famous men by string idly on the scaffolding of the half finished building and drinking tosaus to those who laid the foundations so well. The best tribute was not to praise them but to emulate them, to get on with the job and add at least another storey to the nulldeast another storey to the pulld-

least another storey to the building.

We cannot (he said) live indefinitely on the triumphs of half a generation ago, If we do this, we will ensure that the idea of Europe means lattle to the hearts of the young and is only an evocative evening memory in the minds of the middle aged and the old.

They must graft the idea of Europe into the lives of its people. To underpin this public impact they must endeavour to end the growing divergence of the member states. It was no part of their

growing divergence of the member states. It was no part of their business to promote equality of weakness.

For the target date for direct elections in Europe to be missed would be a major setback. The responsibility on any country which impeded this development would be heavy and damaging. responsibility on any country which impeded this development would be heavy and damaging.

Mr Jenkius began by saying this was both an intinidating and moving occasion for him. Over a long span in national politics he had devoted much of his energies and invested most of his political capital to and in the cause of European unity. He had done so instinctively because he felt it in instinctively because he felt it in his bones to be the most worthms somes to be the most worth-while cause to which a European citizen could apply himself. He had constantly been able to fortify this instinctive belief with the intellectual cement of seeing in detail how few problems any of them were able to solve on a purely national basis. He was the first president from a

the was the first president from a country which was not, alas, present at the creation of the original Six.

Britain may still in some ways (he said) appear remote from the heart of Europe. But Britain is now decisively a part of the Community, the decision confirmed by an overwhelming public rote 19 months are It was the wote 19 months ago. It was the most recent great popular victory won by the European cause. That should not be forgotten either in Reitzie or alcarbone. Britain or elsewhere.

I do not, however, intend to be a British president. I intend to be a European president. I do not, of course, wish to deny my national origins. Anyone who attempted to do that would be a narrow man, with at least one dimension lack-ing. He would also be a foolish man, particularly at a time when the desire for local cultural iden-

tification erupting within national states but in no way necessarily contradicting to the broader Eurointradicting to the promise and concept, is taking on a fresh and community congretes.

We are all of us in large part a moduct of our national cultural, and especially the Commission which is its servant, is seen to have and has in fact, a human face which individual citizens in member states can both recognize product of our national cultural, linguistic, and political background. That is one reason we are diversity of Europe. As a result, and trust.
we all want our countries to benefit from the success of the the dedic

fit from the success of the Community.

But here we are at a delicate hinge. To wish to benefit from the success of the Community is a good thing. But what is quite different and highly undesirable is constantly to try to strike a narrow arithmetical balance as to exactly how much day-to-day profit or loss each country is getting out of the Community.

Community.

The Community is not a betting shop or a lottery stall into which anyone takes his stakes and hopes to come away with more than he went in, but knowing always that the pool is fixed, that nothing can be created therein, and that a gain be created therein, and that a gain can therefore only be at the expense of another member's loss. Such a narrow approach would soon recoil on the head of any nation, rich or poor, who attempted to live by it. The Community can and must be more than the sum of its parts. It can create and give more than it receives, but only if the member states, peoples, and governments ailke, have the vision to ask what they can contribute and not just what they can get.

He came before them as a politician, a minister intermittently over

cian, a minister intermittently over a span of 12 years and a parliamena span of 12 years and a parliamentarian continuously over a span of 29 years. That was not a bad thing. The Commission should be a political rather than a technocratic body, constantly aware of the public impact of its proposals but combining vision with practicality, efficiency with humanity. The diversity of their backgrounds and experience would strengthen and broaden their ability to do the job before them.

before them.

The Commission must also work most closely with the Parliament. No doubt they would have dis-putes but they were on the same side. He would endeavour to give the lead in relations with the Parliament and to establish close relations with its political groups. We are a coalition Commission, as is wholly right (he continued). At least at the present stage of

development. I shall therefore need to be a coalition rather than a partisan president. I shall be a partisan only for the unity of Europe. He attached the highest import-He attached the highest importance to the prospect of direct elections. Europe was a political enterprise which they had so far endeavoured to advance by mainly economic means. It was concerned with the hearts of men and women and not merely with the management of packages. Let us the said manage the packages well as we have mostly but not invariably done in the past, but let us never forget the purpose and the objec-

forget the purpose and the objecforget the purpose and the objective.

We must therefore greatly welcome the introduction of this new political dimension of universal suffrage. For the target date to be missed would be a major sethack. The responsibility on any country which impeded this development would be heavy and damaging.

The election of the Parliament would not in itself give greater The election of the Parliament would not in itself give greater legal powers. But it would have greater moral authority. The best contribution the new Commission could make towards this beneficent transition, which would make a dramatic divide in its four year Hespan, was to anticipate it; to get used to treating the present Parliament as it would treat the new one. He intended to inject into the consideration of any proposal they put forward to the Council the systematic and serious consideration of

and serious consideration of whether it was one for which they could reasonably expect the sup-port of a majority in this Parlia-

Parliament the programme of the Commission when he would go into the detail of the policies which the Commission intended to pursue.

But in distributing the portfolios in the new Commission, the Commission had sought to give emphasis to some developing and crucial policy areas and at the same time to try to bring, where possible, greater coherence to certain key fractions. He was deterrain key functions. He was determined to try to ensure a vigorous presentation to the public of the Commission's activides. There had been too great a tendency to see the various Community funds in isolation one from the other. The policy in relation to them should be seen and coordinated as a

whole.

There was one theme which should run through all Commission responsibilities. The Community was designed to protect and advance the interests of all its citizens with policies to safeguard the consumer. That balance had not always been struck in the past. This meant that they should give greater weight to the protection of the consumer as well as to that of the environment in which they lived.

The common agricultural policy could serve as an example. In the difficult time which lay ahead, the difficult time which lay ahead, the Commission must work to maintain and improve the CAP. Sut I believe we can best do this (he continued) by showing clearly that it can serve the common good in providing stable supplies of food at reasonable prices as well as stable markets for an efficient European agricultural system.

In short, we must work to ensure

and trust.

The previous Commission under the dedicated leadership of M Francois-Xavier Ortoli had had to operate for three quarters of its mandate under the pall of the most

discouraging economic weather which they had known for a generation. In this climate they had brilkiantly defended the citadel. Essentially they had had to live in Essentially they had had to live in winter quarters.

He did not yet feel any benign stirring of, the breezes of spring but he did feel there came a time when they had to break out of the citadel or wither winten it. That time was very close upon them.

Nor are the omens necessarily unpropitions (he said). The member states have recently gone roo much their own way. They cannot possibly congranulate themselves upon the result. One aspect of the result has been a greater sense of apprehension, a greater sagging of hope, than Europe has experienced since the beginning of its postwar resurgence.

Out of this morass they may be more inclined to listen to Community approposite for the

more inclined to listen to Community proposals for the future provided they are cogently, firmly and selectively presented.

Across the Atlantic we have a

into Britain

forget also bow their trosperity and stability were achieved and, in forgetting, behave in ways which would put their continuation in jeopardy.

The prosperity and stability which Europe enjoyed today was in large measure due to the vision and statesmanship of those who created the European Community in the late Forties and Fifties.

But if our children are to enjoy comparable prosperity and stability in the 1980s and 1990s (he went on), this generation will have to display the same vision and statesmanship as did our predecessors.

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Yest I believe that our duty today is not to invoke history, but to start once again to make it: not to praise famous men by sitting idly on the scaffolding of the half-finished building and drinking toasts to those who laid the foundations so well. The best tribute we can pay to them is not to praise them but to emulate them, to get on with our job and add at least another storey to the building. We cannot live indefinitely on the triumplis of half-a generation ago. If we do this, we will ensure that the idea of Europe means little to the hearts of the young and is only an evocative eversing memory in the minds of the middle-aged and the old.

We are indeed at a potentially dangerous junction of generations. Those who made the Community were mostly well advanced in life but they were sustained by a great wave of European enthusiasm among the vone. To whom the

wave of European enthusiasm among the young, to whom the conflicts and the suspicious and narrow nationalisms of the past

ment.
So, allowing for the pull of leadership as well as the response of democracy (he said), do enlightened national governments behave.
We will do the same.
Next mouth he would present to Parliament the programme of the Commission when he would go into the detail of the policies which the Commission intended to pursue.
But in distributing the portfolios the past who will remember its great message.

That would be a most dangerous

balance for the future. We must be determined to avoid it, and that can only be done by showing that Europe has a direct relevance not only to the mechanics of our economies but to combating the ugliness and frustrations and injusices of everyday life, and relating it, too, to the transcendent purposes of world peace and freedom. We must graft the ideal of Europe into the lives of its people.

To underpin the public impact they must evaderous to end the they must endeavour to end the growing divergence of the economies of the member states. This could not be done overnight or by simple decree. It certainly could not and should not be done by asking the strong to become less strong and less effectively strong and less effectively managed. It was no part of their business to promote an equality of weakness. Common disciplines and learning from success were an essential part of the philosophy of

convergence.

But on this basis they must, like But on this basis they must, like any civilized community, help the weaker members. This was in the interests of the strong as well as the weak, for if the weak were to fall by the wayside an essential part of the foundation of unity on which the strong had built their prosperity would be destroyed.

Nor should they be too surprised that divergencies had arisen. They would have been singularly locky if would have been singularly locky if they had not. What greater unity in the world, from the Roman. Empire to the United States of America, would ever have been created if divergences were regarded as a recipe for disaster?

The test (he said) is how we face them. Hely for the recipe fo them. Help for the weaker members, provided they are also prepared to help themselves, is one of the distinguishing signs of the existence of a Community. It applies to the community of the family, it applies to the community of the state, and it must apply to our community of European nations. The larger the Community, the easier it is for the weaker areas to be neglected. We cannot do this without ultimately destroving the Community.

destroying the Community.

In all our activities we must remember our underlying political purposes. Our means are largely economic, but our end is and always has been political. It is to make a European union. It is to preserve and fortify our peace and liberty. It is to restore to Europe the influence in the world which we have so wantonly thrown away in a generation of European civil

vars. Much has already been accompished. However great may be our present difficulties they are as nothing compared with the problem which confronted those who had to build afresh out of the rubble and bitterness of the late Forties.
Let us not bemosn too much, but

Let us not bemoan too much, but let us at the same time be aware of the state of the states. The value of justice for all, individual freedom and intellectual integrity, which were the norms of a civilized society, and to which can now happily be added a sense of social fairness, are now genuinely at risk. There are not many countries in the world which can be Across the Atlantic we have a new president who has made it clear in his public statements that he is auxious to work in partnership with Europe as a Community. But what this will mean in practice and how effectively we can have an equal relationship across the Atlantic will depend essentially on how seriously we take ourselves as a Community. Our own attitude is a prerequisite for the reactions of others.

Let us at the same time be aware of the stakes. The value of the stakes the norms of a civilized society, and to which can now happily be added a sense of social fairness, are now genuinely the value of the stakes. The value of the stakes the norms of a civilized society, and to which can now happily be added a sense of social fairness, are now genuinely to sustain them. We represent about half that number.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 2.30: Debate on an Opposi-tion motion on defence.

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Two Indian citizens who are members of the Ananda Marga movement have been refused teave to enter Britain because their presence here would not be conductive to the public good, Mr Meriyu Rees, the Home Secretary, said in a statement.

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Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon,
L)—had asked him for a statement
on his refusal to grant political
asylum to two ladden monks, Mr
Roy and Mr Prasad, and on his
decision to order their immediate
deportation from this country. deportation from this country.

Mr Rees—Mr Pressal and Mr Roy are citizens of India who in 1975 left that country and went to live in Nepal. In December, 1976, they travelied to Stockholm via Dacca and London, were refused leave to enter Sweden for political asylum and when their return flight arrived at London Airport on December 14 they sought leave to enter the United Kingdom for political asylum. They were detained pending a decision.

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Their application rested on their membership of the Ananda Marga movement which is hanned in India. I have weighed these applications with great care, taking into account the various representations I have received, and other information available to me.

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I concluded that Mr Prasad and Mr Roy should be refused leave to enter the United Kingdom on the grounds that their presence here would not be conductive to the public good. I do not consider that they have established a well-founded fear of persecution if returned to Nepal, a country in which they have lived since 1975. Accordingly, arrangements have been made for their return to that country by a group which does not country by a route which does not entail their travelling via India. Removal was to have taken place today, but will now be deferred as their flight has been cancelled. I

understand an application has today been made to the High Court concerning their case.

Mr Thorpe—These men fled from
Nepal following a police raid on
their homes. Has Mr Rees ascertained whether they are in danger
of arrest for political offences if
they are returned to Nepal? Has
he received any indication that if
they are returned they will not be
transferred to India, which took
place on a previous occasion,
where they will be subject to immediate imprisonment without

mediate imprisonment without trial merely for belonging to a banned organization? banned organization?

Both these men hold valid International Red Cross travel documents and both have the status of United Nations refugees. To refuse them, under these circumstances, political asylum causes doubt about whether we are not in breach of a United Nations convention on refugees. This is a case which causes grave disquiet to many people.

Mr Rees—With regard to refugee status I have considered that care-fully under the terms of the rele-vant 1951 convention. I find that they have not have admired to

vant 1951 Convention. I may may they have not been admitted to Sweden, Thailand, Canada, the United States, and Australia.

I am sure that in the general sense there is no problem in their going back to the country where they lived for some time.

Given the wing of this movement to which they belong I believe to which they belong I believe their entry would not be conducive to the public good here.

Mr Moonman (Basildon, Lab)—
We have just heard one of the
most sad statements on public
liberty for a generation. Why is
it not possible for them to stay
here and what is meant by "not conducive to the public good "?
These two monks have no political record whatever and the danger they face of being incarcerated in fall in Nepal or India is extremely

Mr Rees-I do not regard it as a

great.

account?

Mr Rees—I do not regard it as a case that will stand out for many generations in terms of libertarian attitudes. I disagree with him firmly on every score.

There is no question of deportation because they have never entered the country under the immigration rules. I would regard it as crass foolishness if everybody who was a monk in this organization had only to appear at London alrort to be immediately allowed into the country.

into the country. into the country.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab)—Clearly there are discrepancies between his information and that which some of as have received. Many on this side feel that the tradition that Britain should be a haven for people who are being persecuted abroad is a noble and honourable one that should not be lightly overthrown.

Have our relations with India been a factor he has taken into account?

Mr Rees—Our relationship with India has not been a factor at all in my decision. There are a number of members of this organization lawfully in this country and I do not believe their presence is a threat—I have not dealt with this on an organization basis but on an individual basis. There is a violent wing to this organization and I do not believe it is right for these two men to come into this country.

### Basle agreement on sterling designed to creat monks not to greater international monetary stability

One of the purposes of the agreement reached by the Bank of International Monetary Fund. The mem freached by the Bank of International Monetary Fund. The mem freached by the Bank of International Monetary Fund. The mem freached by the Bank of International Monetary Fund. The mem facility for the official balances assumes that these discussions as a reserve currency, Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in a statement.

Mr Healey said: I told the House in my statement on December 15 that the Government have been concerned to remove the pressures exerted on the exchange rate by the overhang of the sterling balances. Other countries share our refered to striling holders will also be made available at a later stage. In the meannine I am sure the House will agree that the establish-

concerned to remove the pressures exerted on the exchange rate by the overhang of the sterling balances. Other countries share our view that fluctuations in the official sterling balances have been disruptive not only to British economic policy but also to the international monetary system. The House will be glad to know that the discussions we have held on this subject resulted yesterday in a broad agreement between Central Bank governors in Baske on the setting up of a facility for the official sterling balances: A sistement amounting this agreement was issued last night by the Bank for International Settlements in Baske.

The purpose of the agreement is not only to achieve greater international monetary stability and to ensure that steriling and the exchange markets chase to be affected by pressures associated with any rundown of the official stering holdings, but also no enable the British Government to achieve an orderly reduction in the role of steriling as a reserve currency.

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The agreement will in no way reduce the existing freedom of non-resident stering holders to manage their holdings as they wish. The Government will, however, be offering official holders the option to convert any part of their holdings in stering into negotiable medium-term foreign currency bonds to be issued by Her Majesty's Government on market-related terms.

The new facility, which will be

Majesty's Government on market-related terms.

The new facility, which will be available as soon as all the tech-nical details have been worked out, is for a total amount of \$3,000m. It will be operated by the BIS, with the support of central bankers in other Group of Ten countries and Switzerland. Over a two-year period the United Kingdom will be able to draw on the facility in respect of any net reductions in respect of any net reductions in the official sterling holdings from December levels, other than reductions arising from conversion to the foreign currency bonds.

There is elso provision for an extension of the draw-down period for a third year, if all the particlpairs agree. Repayment will be over a period of four years from the end of the draw-down period.

the end of the draw-down period.

The facility covers only official sterling balances because it is these that have been the unstable element in recent years. But the United Kingdom would not wish large new inflows into private holdings to be a means of financing the United Kingdom balance of payments deficit on current account. As the statement by the BIS

be made available at a later stage. In the meannine I am sure the House will agree that the establishment of this new facility will make a powerful contribution to the stability of the international monetary system as a whole and reduce the vulnerability of the Bridsh economy to external factors beyond its control. I would like to express our appreciation to all those who have made it possible. It makes a good start to the New Year.

makes a good start to the New Year.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs (East Surzey, C)—The House would not wish to deny the Chancellor the satisfaction be gains from making this amnouncement. But there are a number of aspects the House would wish to look at with interest. In particular, what, are the rame of interest likely to be payable whether under the standby or the foreign currency bonds?

We recognize this is an improvement on the agreement negotiated in 1968 by the last Labour Government. There is no guarantee of the exchange value of sterling holdings to future holders, as there was at that time. Does it not follow, however, that the country is still undertaking an obligation to offer foreign currency bonds to present official holders at a value which will maintain its value whatever happens to sterling? Therefore, they will get the benefit of any appreciation but we shall have to compensate them if there is any further decline in the value of sterling.

further decline in the value of sterling.

Does this not underline the need for continued competence in the management of our economy under

the supervision of the IMF? Any further loss of confidence could cost us dear in that respect. Can the Chancellor say whether the announcement means there will now be an end to any further horrowing by the nationalized industries and the public sector with the benefit of guarantees against exchange control losses of the kind re have seen in the last year or The fact that this agreement bas

been entered into underlines the need not to repeat the folly of 1974-76 when the Chancellor so foolishly rejoiced at the temporary inflow of funds whose sudden withdrawal was the cause of the considerable tribulation of the last

Mr Healey-The rate of interest on the foreign currency bonds will be roughly half the rate of interest on existing sterling deposits but the precise level will be settled in relanakes clear, this agreement has been possible because there has been possible because there has been general approval of our made available in a later paper I shall submit to the House.

The rate of interest on drawings to the Managing Director of the Managing Director o

recognize that in terms of interest, as well as in terms of the stability of replacing volatile short-term borrowings by stable long-term borrowings, this is a good deal, indeed, for the country.

Sir G. Howe is right in saying this is an improvement on the 1968 agreement because there are no agreement because there are guarantees to existing sterling holders.

holders.

It was his Government in 1973 which started the policy of borrowing abroad by nationalized industries who borrowed roughly \$1,000m of medium-term borrowing at that time. There is no reason to give up this type of borrowing if it proves to be suitable for our purposes.

On the build-up of the balances in 1974, I am bound to remind 5ir G Howe—this was a factor in our negotiations—most of our friends negotiations—most of our friends abroad were extremely disappointed when the last Government, of which he was a member, did nothing to implement the undertaking given by Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C) to seek the orderly rundown of the sterling balances. The sterling balances rose by one-third, by nearly \$1,000m in the two years following the undertaking by the last Government to reduce them. (Labour cheers.)

Str G. Howe—The Chancellor said that there is no governmen for future official sterling holdings future official sterling holdings under these arrangements. I follow that, but is it not right that the offering of an option to present official holders to convert any part of their holdings in sterling into foreign currency bonds to be issued by the Government means that the Government underwrite the foreign currency value of present official sterling balances? It is important that should be understood.

Air Healey-Since the 1968 agreement all the world's currencies have gone on to a floating regime. Therefore it is not open for any country in the world to guarantee to pay the value of any bond, however denominated, in terms of other currencies or even its own. Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, tend to end the reserve role of sterling. Successive governments have announced their intention of doing this over several years and have affects over several years and doing this over several years and have always run away from it. How sure can we be it will be carried out? What does he mean by medium term? Will they be able to be liquidated in case of need, by the holders? If not, what is their attraction to foreign counsiles? Mr Healey—I will give details on these points at a later date. The rate of interest will be market related, related by the market to the interest now available on the currencies with which the bonds are issued. Most of the bonds will be issued in dollars. Some will be are issued. Most of the bonds win be issued in other currencies. The question of the term of the bonds is one of the details now under discussion.

coming a problem which has so much damage to the B economy in recent years. We to conony in factor years, years, years and the property to ensure there is no grow these belances and to ensure there is no backdoor seepal official balances into this through Europe or elsewhere

Mr Healey-The Governmen concerned, as are all partici in the facility, that there sha be a shift of official holdings private holdings under some of disguise. We are concern avoid that. We shall seek to a build-up in private hold Other countries have had somcess in preventing the build-these types of balances. Not them have had full success. Twhy I cannot guarantee full cess. The important thing it we undertake not to use any up in private holdings which up in private holdings which take place to finance our cr account deficit.

Mr Enoch Powell (South ) UUUC)—It cannot be in the interest that foreign govern who own British Government should be protected against part of the consequences of depreciation in the value of debt either at our expense of body else's. He has referred Government's intention to your to avoid the increase vate holdings of British Greent debt and avoid that incoming into the balance of ments. How can he do that?

Mr Healey-Other countries war mealey—Other countries faced this type of problem i past, Germany, Switzerland France, They have had someress by various methods in d with the build-up of private ings. None of them has has success.

success.
Mr Douglas Jay (Wands, Battersea, North, Lab)—I welcome this most succagreement. Why is it that whis United States. Canada, Sy Switzerland and other con have joined this venture F has apparently remarked. has apparently remained out Mr Healey—It is possible France and Italy, the two me of the Group of Ten who has so far joined the agreement. do so at a later stage. It is known that those countries some economic problems sim

Mr Nigel Lawson (Blaby, C has got himself into somethi a muddle over this. It is no case that any sterling holder exercises his right to convert into dollar bonds is guara against any subsequent der tion of the pound agains dollar and guaranteed by the tish Government? guarantee or the right to at the guarantee which pers those countries to enter this dollars he is not guaranteed ling in dollars. He has a c bond. No doubt countries w present hold sterling balance calculate carefully whether st

### Bill to reduce debts of Covent Garden Marke

Mr Edward Bishop, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Newark, Lah), moving the second reading of the Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) Bill, said the Bill was intended to provide a sound financial framework for the new market at Nine Elms.

This was the largest and most important wholesale horticultural market in the country. It was run by the Covent Garden Market Authority, which was a single purpose body with no other source of revenue than from the market and its perceived of the beauty and its perceived of the beauty and its perceived of the block of the beauty and its perceived of the block of the beauty and its perceived of the block of th its associated office block.

The final capital cost of the new market was estimated at about £43m. About £10m of this would be provided from the grants which had been available under the Agriculture and Horticulture Act, 1964, for the modernization or rebuilding of wholesale horticultural markets of patients in the state of th hes of national importance. The balance was funded by long-term loans at normal rates of interest from the National Loans Fund. The unforeseen effects of inflation on the cost of construction and loan interest rates, and on the cost of providing services, led to

accumulating loan charges and a deficit in the year ending October 1975 of £3.9m with little prospect of early improvement of early improvement. In December, 1975, the authority officially informed Mr Frederick Peart, then Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, of their

doubts of meeting their financial duty to break even. The Government considered clo-The Government considered clo-sely what action they should take. The market supplied not only Lon-don but was also the first point of distribution for much of the country. Its closure or disposal for other purposes would result in widespread disruption of the distribution of horticultural production to consumers and would deprive many horticultural producers of an important channel of distribution.

The financial reconstruction proposed in the Bill could be the construction proposed posed in the Bill would not involve any increase in public expend-iture, although repayment of some debts would be delayed or fore-

The Bill would reduce the Cebt liabilities of the authority by writing off £13m and by suspending a maximum of £25m. This should

£6m or £7m on normal National Loan Fund terms. The market traders and users must contribute to putting the market on to a sounder financial basis. It was not unreasonable to

expect income from users of the market initially at least to cover the running costs of the market and to contribute increasingly in the longer term to the cost of the capital assets.

capital assets.

An additional contribution of something over £500,000 a year at today's prices was called for. Negotiations between the authority and the interests concerned had begun. He hoped there would be early agreement, but if necessary the Secretary of State could use his powers of direction to ensure a proper contribution from traders

Mr Michael Jopling, an Opposition spokesman on agriculture (West-morland, C) said that the Conser-vatives did not oppose the Ball, A measure of the sort had become necessary. They were not unnat-urally disturbed that the Covent Garden market authority's finances had got into that state of affairs which had made the financial pro-visions of the Bill essential.

visions of the Bill essential.

The market's current problems had been caused almost entirely by circomstances outside the authority's control. The cause of more trouble than almost anything else had steamed from the decision to schedule many of the buildings within the old Covent Garden market an liketed huildings. ket as listed buildings. The property owned by the authority in the old marker which they had sold for 19,100,000 would have been worth about £20m if the buildings within the market had not been listed for

Matters had been made consider-ably worse by the three-year delay

gone. The Government saw no in starting work. The market practical alternative to what was would have been open much entirer Battersea, South, Lab) said a proposed. They were merely facing reality.

Labour Government's restraint in Covent Garden market to tak 1966 on public expenditure. The other products, perhaps fish delay imposed late in 1966 resulted in no further work being done, apart from minor work, until 1969.

The Bal old for Covent Garden what any party deputation to the Minister of Agriculture from Birmingham had sought for the Birmingham market. But the only place Birmingham market could get extra money from was the rate-payers of Birmingham who were providing £500,000 this year and probably the same next year towards it.

Mr John Wells (Maidstone, C) said the firms that traded at Nine Elms were the same firms trading in Rirmingham. Manchester, Shefwere the same trims training in Birmingham, Manchester, Shef-field and all the great markets of the country. If the market traders felt disgrunfled at the demands put upon them they would move their business from Nine Elms and the

splendid new market would afil Mr Frank Hatton (Manchester, Moss Side, Lab) said that in Man-chester there was resentment among members of the city council that citizens should be called upon mag citizens shound be caused upon assist exceptional circumstances in London through their taxes and, at the same time, have to provide for annual deficits on their own undertakings, particularly the ebattoir, through the rates.

Mr. Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) said the Government were right to step in and help the Covent Garden Authority. It would be common sense if containerized traffic could go by rail direct from Southampton just Covent Garden. Southampton into Covent Garden.
Mr Frederick Silvester (Manchester, Withington, C) said they were presented with a Bill, no doubt admirable in its way, but because it was Covent Garden, it got attention ahead of other parts of the country.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham Perry Barr, Lab) said be had not heard anything so far to convince him to support the Bill.

The Bill did for Covent Garden this market on its new site, particularly when the jungle in the support of the development the support of the support of the development the support of cularly when the junglexisted before was recalled. Mr Gavin Strang, Parliamen

Secretary, Ministry of Agricult Fisheries and Food (Edinbu East, Lab) said the alternativ the Government's intervention the bankruptcy of the author. This would mean that the income which the Government of the loans who that realized from disposathe assets. If the Government the intervence the multier of the contract intervence of the contr not intervene the public p would be worse and not better The alternative would be the plete demise of the market result of the intolerable fina debts which it had accumulated

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The Government were act considering the position regard to Manchester and the toir. This was a difficult issue. toir. This was a difficult issue. The Market Authority and tish Rail were still considering question of a railhead. It was a possibility but it had to be preal and it had to be viable. The Government would con the possibility of a select contee which would take the place standing committee. If the Goment were to agree to that it only be on the basis that it only be on the basis that it?

not delay the passage of the There were good financial re why the Bill should be on The Bill was read a second

# a prerequisite for the reactions of others. The logic of working together must be clearly argued. The 25 years up to the end of 1973 were among the most stable, prosperous and hopeful in the long history of this Continent. But there was a paradox about this achievement. Precisely because they became so prosperous and enjoyed such a degree of political stability, they came to take them for granued and approach the propulations of the globe, cannot learn to work together, what can? If we among the most favoured and talented of the populations of the globe, cannot learn to work together, what can? If we among the most favoured and togother, what can? If we among the richest and certainly among the most favoured and together, what can? If we among the richest and certainly among the most favoured and together, what can? If we among the richest and certainly among the most favoured and together, what can? If we among the richest and certainly among the most favoured and together, what can? If we among the richest and certainly among the most favoured and together, what prospect is there globe, cannot learn to work together, what prospect is there are the issues. Let us approach them with an awesome are the issues. Let us approach them with an awesome ense of responsibility but also with a courageous and determined optimism. (Loud applause.) Mr Ennals explains national insurance fund surplus

Commissioners 'men of quality' M Georges Spenale, president of things if they were required politithe Parliament, welcoming the new cally.

Conservative group although there might be a few enemies in another commission said that the acceptMr Pierre Bertrand (Belgium, part of the Chamber. ance of responsibility took place at 18 months at all levels they had to 18 months at all levels they had to solve the problems connected with direct elections, difficult because of unemployment, inflation, economic and monetary problems and the energy crisis. To overcome them they must show courage, imagination and political resolve.

As for Mr Jenkins, they were familiar with his career, reputation, character, dynamism and his European posture—definite and straightforward. All members of the Commission were men of considerable quality, Its make-up forderable quality. Its make-up for-turately included men of long

Herr Ludwig Fellermaler (West Germany, Soc), for the socialist group, said Mr Jenkins had shown from his career that the future of the European peoples was a future he wished to defend. He had shown he had the courage to take unpopular decisions and say unpopular

Mr Pierre Bertrand (Belgium, CD), for the Christian Democrats, said they regretted that the political composition of the new Commission did not represent the political picture throughout the Community. It was regrettable that one member state had not M Jean Durieux (France, L), for

Mr Brizm Lenihan (Ireland, DEP), for the European Progressive Democrats, said he was glad the new president had emphasized the collegiate aspect of the new Commission. He would like that collegiate approach extended to the activities of the Council of Ministers. sion. He would like that collegiate approach extended to the activities of the Council of Ministers.

Sir Peter Kirk (Saffron Walden, C.), for the Conservative group, said Mr Jenkins was a great European. He would find no enemies but only candid friends among the commission and the Council.

part of the Chamber.

Direct elections should not be dismissed as a cosmetic. But there was also a tendency to imagine that they would achieve the solution to all problems. A greater element of democracy might bring added difficulties. The suprements of the new President and his Commission was the halting of the divergence of the economies of the Nine and the beginning of their convergence. convergence. Signor Carlo Galluzzi (Italy, Comm), for the communist group, said a common policy for Europe simply was not there. There was a

growing gap between northern and southern Europe, the Europe of the rich and the Europe of the poor. This jeopardized the whole Community.

Mr David Emals, Secretary of State for Social Services (Norwich, North, Lab), moving that the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order, 1976, be approved, said the draft order provided for increases from next April in cer-tain of the rates and levels of contributions. taken to meet the contributions conditions.

There was another factor which contributed to the big increase in surplus. The higher than expected contributions automatisately and the higher manually and the higher manually

tain of the rates and levels of contributions.

The main argument centred on the level of the balance in the National Insurance Fund. The Government actuary's report showed that on certain illustrative assumptions as to the levels of earnings and memployment the income of the fund would exceed the out-go by £932m in the current year and about £870m in 1977-78.

The currently estimated surplus year and about £870m in 1977-78.

The currently estimated surplus was based upon a much greater contribution yield this year than was previously anticipated. Why had this occurred? The new earnings-related system of contributions was introduced only in April, 1975. Almost no information about its effect was available in the late summer of 1975 when the estimate for the report in last year's recraining order had to be prepared.

The other main factor was the The other main factor was the cost of unemployment benefit. Unfortunately the actuary had to make estimates for a level of unemployment higher than the country had been used to. In the event the proportion of unemployed people who were emitted to benefit from the National Iusurance Fund had turned out to be

expected because a surprisingly high proportion of the unemployed failed to meet the contributions

expected contributions automatically led to higher Treasury contributions. On top of that the higher balance in the fund led to bigger interest income, further increasing the surplus.

It could and had been said that the Government actuary got his figures wrong last year and had now adjusted his sights. This would not really be fair. It would also be misleading if it were to foster some expectation that in subsequent years variations between forecasts and out-turn would not occur. They had occurred in tween forecasts and out-turn would not occur. They had occurred in the course of the past year and he could not prophesy that, with the best will in the world, they would not occur in the future.

He hoped that in the absence of these special factors the variations would not be so wide, but the current figures showed that in the present economic situation forecasting the effect on the scheme of changes was an extremely hazard. changes was an extremely hazard-ous business. It would have been wrong not to

contribution increase; it would be unfair to the lower paid if some people were specially shielded from increases.

The increase in earnings in the year to April, 1976, would have justified raking the earning level by 17.8 per cent, but instead the Government were proposing an increase of 10.5 per cont.

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The Government had always hoped to set the initial contributions for the new pension scheme below the illustrative rates of 10 per cent for employees which were given in the Social Security Pensions Act, 1975. This was one of the reasons for the order.

It would depend on future liabilities which the fund had to meet it would acpend on fature flabi-lities which the fund had to meet. If they spent the estimated surplus of this and next year on new or increased benefits, as some MPs had suggested, this would involve an additional and continuing burden on the fund. This would inevitable present additional ininevitably prevent reductions in the contribution rates originally projected for the pension scheme. The operation of the fund could not be seen in isolation from the economy as a whole. The balance resulting from any current surplus in the fund was invested in public sector stock. This reduced the amount that the Government needed to borrow from other sources to finance their overall borrowing requirement. In the propose an increase in the earnings sector stock. This reduced the colling. Any earnings related system tem must adjust its earning limits at 10 be Those people curning more than borrowing requirement.

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spokesman on social services (Red-bridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C) said increased contributions had less to do with funding social benefits than financing the budget deficit. This is what this order was all about.

This represented increasing taxa-This represented increasing taxation to finance the public sector borrowing requirement and had nothing to do with pensions, social benefits, or anything else. For this reason the Opposition were bound to oppose this order because they did not believe in high levels of direct taxation laid on the shoulders of people of this country should be increased yet further.

By April, 1978, the people had not believe in the shoulders of people of this country should be increased yet further. should be increased yet further.

By April, 1978, the total balance on the National Insurance Fund would be approaching £4,000m. For the Government to pretend that there were potentially massive fluctuations on the fund was non-sense. The main reason for the massive increase in this year's surning was that the cost of mem. plus was that the cost of unem-ployment was 5220m lower than

reasons for further increase contributions. The reasons minister had given were sh and insubstantial. He agreed the real reason as stated in une, was that the Government using the fund as another mest taking purchasing power out thands of the people. It was guised taxation.

The burden of tax had beco The burden of tax had been cruel burden on the lower There bad been a 60 per increase in two years in national insurance countbinio Mr George Cuminingham (Islin South and Finsbury, Lab) said on balance it made sense it this windfall to ease the difficiency would have in 15 morths Mr Robert McCrindle (Breat and Ongar, C) said the effethe upper earners, those nowing flos, was nothing more if further clobbering of a section society which had been at less subject to a reduction in standard of living by a constitution of the and inflation and proper section of the

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The order was carried by votes to 136—Govern majority, seven.

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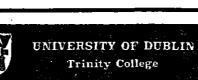
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Bernard Levin

## Enough of this crew: are there not ten just men to scupper the lot?

"Sometimes" says the dis-gruntled man in the Thurber cartoon to his wife, "the news Washington makes me think that your mother and brother Ed are in charge." And brother Ed are in charge." And sometimes the news from Westminster makes me think that Mr Caliaghan, Mr Healey, Mr Foot, Mr Hattersley and the Labour Party's NEC are in charge, together with a rudimentary simulacrum of Mr Mulley, created in a clandestine laboratory by a mad scientist. laboratory by a mad scientist obsessed by the challenge inherent in the sheer difficulty of doing such a thing and unwilling even now to admit that it cannot be done.

But is there not something And then? Why, then he starts to bleat that it wasn't his fault, that it's all the doing of the knowledge that it is our earnery that these clowns are testroying on the other, in the millest spirit of the delivery-men and their union, that if we will all hang on a bit longer and be ready to start ourselves to death be fascinating and hilarious, amid the sheer awfulness on the one hand and the rage provoked by the knowledge that it is our zeemtry that these clowns are limitless series of cocasseries that now passes for government? There was widespread comment, when Parliament of a minister to prevent or finally reeled away for the christmas recess, to the effect seeable chaos that Mr Hattersthat the break would enable ley has created? Could not the finally reeled away for the Christmas recess, to the effect that the break would enable our leaders to straighten out at any rate some of the sub-messes delivery-men have been ascerbeing dragged like trawls behind the principal ones, to be suppose that we pay him reinvigorate themselves suffici
£13,000 a year for? ently to face, if not to solve, the problems piling inexorably up like waves, to do something, or even anything, to make the Prime Minister's fatuous complacency less obviously inexplicable on any hypothesis other

than one postulating a total encephalectomy. And what has happened? Things have actually managed to get worse! The nerveless folly that has been running through the Cabinet like the influenza has now broken into a gallop; indeed, there is powerful evidence that the

horses have altogether bolted.

Take Mr Hattersley, for instance. Only yesterday he was spreading the butter on himself with a spatula large enough to hold two tons at a time, and leaping, thus provided into the correct of the anointed, into the centre of the stage, to tell the nation that, thanks to his curring, nego-tiating skill, relentless devotion to the cause of the family shopping-basket and generally over-whelming claim to be the next whelming claim to be the next day in the light of the revelaPrime Minister but one, the tions about the Rent (Agriculprice of bread was about to fall so fast and so far that every shop in the land, from the big
day in the light of the revelaas he responded to the preit does. But is that not in itself
matter for concern? And
nationalize the banks and insurgated in a form which does not ance companies. That is, he will end to the degradation, the
shop in the land, from the big-

sums of money to come and take the stuff away, and even providing wheelbarrows to enable them to do so. Nay, Jack Cade himself could hardly have promised more:

There shall be in England seven halfpenny loaves sold for a penny; the three-hooped pot shall have ten hoops; and I will make it a felony to drink small beer. All the realm shall be in common, and when I am king there shall be no money; all shall eat and drink on my score; and I will apparel them all in one livery, that they may agree like brothers, and worship me their lord.

starve ourselves to death by way of protest just as soon as he gives the word it will all come right. Yet is it not the job attitude and intentions of the

But the reason I draw atten-tion to this fiasco is not just that I want to belabour Mr Hattersley; it is to offer further evidence that the disintegration of the Government is proceeding at an accelerating pace, and that Mr Callaghan's assurance that there will be no general election in 1977, should that assurance be struck with a blunt instrument (Mr Shore's head, perhaps) would now give off a hollow sound. And much the same conclusion must be drawn from the activities of several of Mr Hattersley's col-

There is Mr Foot, Never mind his views for the moment; there will be time enough to con-sider them. But is there anything to match, for ineptitude, his conduct as Leader of the House of Commons? That, of course, is a question that could have been asked ever since he got the job; but it must be asked rather more urgently to-day in the light of the revelaThe nerveless folly that has been running through the Cabinet like the influenza has now broken into a gallop ...

ment enacted. And why? Be ment enacted. And wify the cause, as Mr Hugh Rossi (who raised the matter) pointed out, an amendment which had come back from the Lords, and which was accepted by the Government, was put before the House of Commons in a form that was of Commons in a form that was or Commons in a form that was gibberish, end in that form had been "passed". And I put that word in quotation marks be-cause in fact the House of Commons did not even see, let alone discuss, the item in ques-tion; Mr Foot was busy using the guillotine (it was only parliamentary democracy that was involved, after all), and he can hardly be expected to bother with seeing that Parliament passes measures that make sense. But he was hired to see that Parliament passes res that make sense, and if he cannot even attend to an entirely formal and simple matter like that, is it any wonder that the parliamentary timetable, which is also his job but which requires genuine skill, is visibly collapsing? Meanwhile, the NEC, fresh from insisting on the insertion into the Labour Party admini-strative machinery of a man cheerfully and implacably de-termined to bring into existence a form of society that would make all such machinery, and indeed policical parties and Parliament fixed, unnecessary (from much of the talk about Toutsbirtes anybody mould Trotskyites, anybody would think that Trotsky was some kind of democrat), are now de-manding the abolition of the Second Chamber (preparatory, no doubt, to abolishing the First), and I have no doubt that Mr Caliagian will respond

for an hour or two, towards the end of which a few phrases will become otherent and audible. From these we shall learn that the principle is, of course, perfectly right and proper, and no member of the Labour Party could seriously dissent from it, but the press of intended legislation—devolution, you know—does make it difficult to see how ir could be put in hand immediately, and then again, a good deal of discussion and consultation is essential before any legislation could be devised consultation is essential, be devised at all, so that on the whole, and of course with the warmest expressions of good will towards the proposal, which he certainly hopes and intends to see carried through in due course, it really will have to wait.

will have to wait.

And for that we saw Harold Wilson pass, and welcomed a man whom we thought could at any rate be expected to know what principles were, even if he did not much go in for acting by them! But expedience and presentation, forms of words and whisperings off-stage, words and whisperings off-stage, setting of this group against that to preserve a spurious balance, selling the country short to buy a few more hours of office—this is what we have got still, and are likely to have until we finally clear out this Government, from its leader to its besidest understranger and its lowliest understrapper, and instead find, or at any rate seek, people who will turn their attention with the utmost urgency to the increasingly necessary labour of fumigating the Augean Stables, before facing the appalling task of cleansing them

nsing then An honourable Labour MP. concerned both at the further cuts in expenditure on Britain's defence and at the reinforcement of his concern by the pro-tests of the chiefs of staff, demands, reasonably enough, that the House of Commons shall be given an account of what they said, and adds: "I am not prepared to accept assurances from the Defence Minister, Mr Fred Mulley"; as far as I can see, nobody but me has even noticed the inescap-able implication of his words, let alone been aroused by it. Nor is that really surprising: Parliament is not seriously ex-pected to believe what it is told is no reason to suppose that it does. But is that not in itself

appropriate in such circum-stances by this Government and governing party, which is abuse for their generosity coupled with a demand for more of it. As Lord Carrington pointed out when the IMF loan was finally sathered in, and might well point out even more forcefully now that yet another support for the pound has been arranged in the form of yet

arranged in the form of yet another massive handout, nothing has changed in the condition of Britain—in her ability to produce enough to pay her bills, in the condition of her industries, her management, her labout-force, in her attitudes to herself end her place in the world, in her recognition of the real dangers and evils that threaten her. We and evils that threaten her. We are exactly the same country as we have been, except that as we have been, except that we are now more thousands of millions of pounds in debt. Enough! Enough of a crew that combines men and women who have forgotten what patriotism means with others who never knew! Enough of covernment he chesting and who never knew! Enough of government by cheating and twisting, fiddling and deceiving! Enough of ignoring terrible dangers in the hope that the country can be prevented from noticing them long anough for these who ignore enough for those who ignore them to creep back into office! Enough of the whole pack of them—Mrs Williams as well as Mr Benn, Mr Mason as well as Mr Shore, Mr Dell as well as Mr Crosland. This must be the year in which 10 just men are found in Sodom, 10 men

Party who will vote to bring the Government down without first making sure that there is no danger of their succeeding in doing so.

If it be now, 'tis not to come; 'tis the now,' tis not to come; if it be not to come, it will be now; if it be not now, yet it will come; the readiness is all Are there really not 10 men on that side of the House of

in the Parliamentary Labour

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Self-help in action: the voluntary group Contact brings comfort to pensioners.

### Let the welfare state help those who help themselves

Thirty years ago the welfare state soured like a phoenix out of the ashes of the Second World War. To many it symbolized the dawning of a new era, a panaces for all evils with benefits for all. Even if it may not have quite fulfilled all expectations, none the less it has satisfied a wide area of need and provided services to need and provided services to a large number of people. But as it developed it started to encroath on a number of points in our darly lives, so much so that an increasing number of people are now dependent on support from "the welfare", and cannot determine their own destiny without outside help.

The main function of a welfare state is to provide basic health care, a safety ner for social casualties, and special provisions for those who can no longer look after themselves through physical or mental disability. Yet as state provision has intervened into more areas of our daily lives, it has robbed people of any logical reason as to why they should fend for themselves. Independence and initiative have been sapped, weakening the character. Many have now lost any sense of obligation either to themselves or to others. As a result of shift-ing the load of responsibility from family to state shoulders, people have become more inclined to opt out. By diverting a sense of obligation towards one's neighbour, the state has undermined the foundations of

This point was made tellingly by Prince Philip in a speech last month, when he pointed out that individual excellence had been levelled down into a world of generalities by the welfare

our society.

This is as much the fault of misdirected state philanthropy as the misguided response of government to the clamour from minority groups demanding increased provisions. It is not surprising that successive generations have grown up to believe their government helps those that government meters of the welfare state reached their limits. By 1969 local authorities were unable to

find sufficient funds to put into effect the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act. A year later the Chronically Sick and Disabled Act instructed local authorities to find and help the physically headicapped. This has been implemented by only a handful of authorities. Since then there have been numerous official re-

ports recommending increased social provisions and more public expenditure.

At the same time, Britain's 8,000,000 pensioners live longer as a result of improved health facilities, but the domiciliary services they need to keep them out of institutional care are in-adequate.

All in all the welface state cannot cope with the strains im-posed on it. As Mr Healey's hands tighten round the neck of the phoenix, its life expectancy must be limited.

New ways of caring for people without incurring huge public expenditure must be found. So we must look to the family, friends and neighbours to see what they can all do for one another. At the same time the local authorities must de-fine the limits within which they wish to work and the statu-Richard Wigg fory services they was because in the future. Local voluntary tory services they will operate

organizations can then see the whether they can take on func- nati tions previously exercised by the public bodies. Instead of the local authority home help service paying the official rates and bringing in women from all over the district, the neighbourhood voluntary groups could re-cruit local mothers on a part-time basis to look after one or two neighbours. The service would be cheaper and better. There would be no travel costs. Remuneration rates would not be subject to union negotiations and the help given would be by neighbour to neighbour.

If the meals on wheels service were run on a locality basis, recruiting local volun-teers to help with preparation and delivery, a more personal and flexible service would result. Local organizations could offer supper as well as lunch, and for the home-bound a seven-day and not just a five-day service could be provided and at less than half the cost. For years the WRVS bas been contracting its meal services. Our aim should be to expand them. It would be both socially and cost effective for the local authorities to give up the expense of maintaining a large fleet of vehicles when there are organizations such as Community Transport, run largely by volunteers who maintain their own fleet, for the benefit of the locality. Young people could earn pocket money from the local authority for tackling jobs which grand-children might have done for their elderly or infirm grand-parents but which are now done

by their full time paid staff.
Tried models for neighbourhood care in urban areas are
numerous. In a Liverpool ward
(population 6,500) 44 voluntary "block" and "street councillors" keep an eye on the 800 old people, the handicapped, contact. In this way local authority services are freed, specialist help being brought only in an emergency. The cost of running this programme is equivalent to the salaries of three trained social workers and administrative support. To shift the responsibility back to the individual and away from the state it would be necessary to turn to some of the 120,000 registered voluntary charities as well as the newer community and neighbourhood groups.

In the past five years some 400 new self-help styled organi-zations have come to life on Mersevside aimed at encourag-

ing self help. This kind of community work is an important development because its purpose is to help people to the point where they can help themselves rather than just provide things for them.

However, it is not just under-utilized resources but attitudes that need changing. Parents automatically turn to the state dren, expect the juvenile courts to deal with them when they are anti-social, the probation service to reform them. They see the local authority as the housing benefactor, the social services as the all-provider.
The most effective way, there-

fore, of switching from dependence to independence is to provide a minimum slice of the financial cake nationally and locally to tary work organizations volunteers. If a permanent formul:

vided a minimum perce from public funds to non tory services, say, from th support grant, this would the effect of raising the and the potential of local munity and voluntary effc Although officials wax I about the complementary 1 of voluntary work they always markedly less en astic when the volunteer for cash or highlights ar of neglected need. It is fo reason it would be advanta if, once the size of the sh cake had been agreed, the mined how it should be

buted among this number There are a number of governments give local au ties the opportunity to gi voluntary work or to then effort, the local authority favour their own first, t the lion's share.

This can be seen from waning Urban Aid Progra as well as the Job Cre have cornered the marke flooding Action Comm with applications. Yet voluntary organiza

offer something special, ing a peculiar mixture o dividual services, combini flexibility of approach ability to get things done cratic administration an more caring and compassis approach. Voluntary wor important as it provide: alternative to total domination in community to all this is the fact that vo local authority. In youth w voluntary organizations t clubs at nearly half lo authority costs for similar t vision. While the local author spends £50 a week to look at provided by a voluntary org zation costs only £22.

By pushing back the t growing tide of state intertion in our lives the indivit can start to play his part at by building that kind neighbourhood in which would like to live. The reorg zation of local government inadvertently caused in culable damage by shif administration to a remote impersonal bureaucracy

The Conservative Party committed to reducing s interference in our lives. I is important; something n positive is needed. I believe major plank of our party's gramme should be the re nition of the importance family and the need to prot community work on an enti-different basis as has been o previously. Only then will individual feel that his sonal contribution is impor a new phoenix be seen ri

Anthony St The author is Conservative for Liverpool, Wavertree.

### Can Dr Soares find the answers to get his fragile government through the year?

to this in much the same way

common denominator of national

As the recent parliamentary debate on this year's economic plan and budget made painfully clear, the search goes on for a viable economic model in a country where a basic consensus simply does not exist. The peaceable nature of the Portuguese people softens but cannot

alter this fact.
The United States has just had to approve a \$300m emergency loan to prevent Portugal's foreign exchange reserves from running dry this month. But despite the extremely grave economic situation, the Socialists have come a long way

Politically they have learnt by making mistakes to adapt from being, during 1975 and the first half of last year, the party of opposition to a minority

party in government.
"This liberty is all a big problem", a Lisbon shopkeeper confessed to me. " Economically we decline because people will work less." To restructure Work less to restrict the Portugal's post-colonial economy when the West is still combating the effects of multiple oil price increases would be a difficult task for a new demo-

cracy whatever political party were in power.

The governing Socialists have taken badly the Social Democrats vote against the economic cult to quantify the "social

Francisco Sa Cameiro and Dr Soares disagree temperamen-tally and each wants to lead the major political party of Portugal, or that their eventual rapprochement would split the constituency parties of both formations. It is that the two parties' economic models are presently, though not in-evitably, at loggerheads.

Dr Sa Carneiro, with his upper middle class, northern Portuguese background, represents forces committed to defending private enterprise in a part of the country which, unlike the Lisbon undustrial region, essentially escaped intact the wave of revolutionary nationalizations. Politically nationalizations. speaking, the more conservative Centre Democrats (CDS) are today in the north to the left of Dr Sa Carneiro's followers.

The Socialist Government's present economic team, by con-trast, is led by Senhor Antonio Sousa Gomes, the Minister of Planning, and his state secre-tary, Dr Manuel Da Silva, who are not Marxist socialists but some would say, more doctri-naire—left-wing Catholics deeply revoked by the social

effects of the raw capitalism of the Salazar era.

private sector, grouped into the Confederation of Industry (CIP), have rejected their economic plan because it does not give priority, with a series of tax concessions and revalua-tion of assets, to private invest-

ment to bring about economic recovery. Such men attack the Socialists' model, with central plan-ning based on control of investment decisions and credit, as incompatible with Dr Soares's intention to seek EEC membership. The dispute over credit facilities controlled by the wholly nationalized banking sector is vital, for while the mentality behind the French

caise des depots set-up would be wholly acceptable to them. Portuguese businessmen hold that the country's senior bank officials are today anti-private enterprise on principle. Dr Soares's Socialist Party

is, however, really at present consolidating the nationalized sector, reducing the big deficits—the banks, cement, and paper pulp made profits last year—while simultaneously trying to restore the basic market eco-

Behind the \$300m emergency loan is a \$1,500m international operation, envisaged by the Americans as being managed through the International Mone-

Portugal remains a country of strong social and regional constrong social and regional contrasts and the minority Socialist on their "road to socialism" makes it difficult to allow the pledges given approving the form their businessment of Dr Mario Soares pledges given approving the an alternative in 1977 but to seek to establish the highest of the production, and that tary Fund, to try to turn curve for its exports is so around Portugal's economic inelastic, the end result is unstruction, where last year the pledges given approving the constitution last year.

The portugal remains a country of plan and now accuse the chief costs "of production, and that tary Fund, to try to turn curve for its exports is so around Portugal's economic inelastic, the end result is unstruction, where last year the balance of payments deficit, varing the aiready declining after compensating financing popular living standards, would generate labour unrest easily in the aiready declining arrangements, means a foreign generate labour unrest easily in the aiready declining arrangements, means a foreign generate labour unrest easily in the aiready declining arrangements, means a foreign arrangements, means a foreign arrangements, means a foreign arrangements, means a foreign arrangements are supposed to their business and the minority Socialist on their "road to socialism" pledges given approving the constitution last year. exchange cost of \$600m and a trade deficit estimated at more than \$1,600m.

a change to a more realistic government economic team, higher interest rates, a sharp devaluation of the escudo (after the ineffective floating down), and more sales of Portugal's gold reserves. The Germans, second biggest partners in the loan, would particularly like better foreign investment

All these measures will surely generate some domestic and party controversy—and Dr Soares has called an emergency Socialist Party congress, involv-ing policy decisions, later this month. But against this an invigorated economic team would improve his image before next month's round of consulta-tions in the EEC capitals about eventual membership.

Portugal has an "mortho-dox" economy, and this will test IMF experts' advice on future measures. If, for instance, devaluation would help Portugal's tourism and swell Portuguese emigrant wor-kers' payments back home, industry is so dependent on imports of equipment and materials, and the demand

captained by the communist trade unions.

There is no foreseeable alter-The quid pro quo for this native to Dr Soares's approach foreign indebtedness looks, on an informed guess, like being Portugal's economic recovery, and this is the retionale of the Portugal's economic recovery, and this is the rationale of the international loans-provided they go into the productive President Eanes, who is likely

to take an increasing day-to-day interest in the economic problem, is known to disapprove of the Social Democrats' recent tactics because that helps the Communists, but he also wishes to see the Socialists behaving more pragmatically. A start might be made taking up a Social Democrat suggestion to jointly negotiate an austerity programme.

Dr Sa Carneiro, however, after his party's local government election success, dreams of a big Social Democrat party should the Socialists collapse under the economic crisis. Instability could be a suicidal risk all the same for Portugal's Democrats. A young Portuguese historian asked pointedly last month whether it had not been the inability of the country's ruling classes to govern them-selves this century which led to military-backed dictatorships.

# The Times Diary

Encyclopaedia for an age of vision

The trouble with the Encyclo-paedia Britannica, according to James Mitthell is that there are panes Mitchell is that there are too many words in it. What we need, in this age of television, is an encyclopaedia with pictures—thousands and thousands of them. Mitchell has produced inst that

On Manay night the book-sellers of Cambridge, who might be thought a conservative and bard-headed bunch, were invited to the best hotel in town for the first public showing of what the publishers like to describe as the first international encyclopaedia in the history of the world. In the best tradition of encyclopaedias, it comes with a hard sell and some formidable claims for itself.

James Mitchell and his part-

ner John Beazley left the publishing house of Nelson in 1969 and set up on their own, publishing house of Nelson in 1969 and set up on their own, operating with success in the field of lavishly illustrated books, including Patrick Moore's Atlas of the Universe and Hugh Johnson's World Atlas of Wine. But they always wanted to do a set of encyclopaedias, and it independent panel of experts, "It will help my customers to interest impressed, got down to quite impressed, got down to quite impressed, got down to quite impressed, got down to feeling the specimen volumes. Reporters, Photo-feeling the specimen volumes. John Cheshire of Heffers found tripped over wires, lights and tripods. Such is the glamour of the royal event that books available one at a time many of the reporters missed entirely the far more interesting display upstairs.

was Moore, whose sharp astronomical eye can also spot a good business deal at several light years' distance, who suggested the format. Encouraged by the success of

one of their previous productions, The Joy of Sex, Mitchell Beaziey have called their tenders of the sex of th volume set ("All the world's essential knowledge within one library") The Joy of Knowledge. Like the previous work, it relies heavily on the explicitness of its 10,000 illustrations, most of them full-colour diagrams.

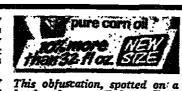
Mitchell and, his team explained the making of their great work to the booksellers with the aid of skides, illustrations and double need to be seen and the seen a ing how each double-page spread, with its lavish colour illustrations, tells a complete story, be it "Trams and buses" or "How an auromobile works."

who were paid £1 for every mistake they could find. One woman had a Spanish holiday on the proceeds; they had got rather a lot of Latin spellings

The publishers are specially proud of the fact that they have already recouped their £3 million investment by selling the rights for 14 foreign editions, some of them to illustrious competitors. Britannica has bought partial American rights, and Larousse is to bring out a French translation. Further respectability has accrued by the appearance at the front of each volume of

Lord Butler, Master of Trinity, who wrote a glowing preface on condition that no underhand methods were used to sell the sets. Mitchell Beazley are studiously avoiding door-todoor enterprise and are selling only through bookshops. Mitchell described the work as "a crusade to make general knowledge exciting again". His managing director Ken Banerji exhorted the booksellers to "get down to feel the books and fall in love with them".

The booksellers, who were



bottle of corn oil by a Hove reader, brings home the necessity of taking your pocket calculator with you to the supermarket.

be able to buy them individually at £12.50, and I can publicize each one as it comes our. But obviously it is better to be able to sell a complete set for £125." The publishers have thought

The publishers have thought of that too. Buy nine, and you get the tenth one free. And, of course, easy terms can be arranged. You don't understand the easy terms? Don't worry; there should be a diagram to explain it in one of the later volumes.

**HMSO** 

At the Design Centre yesterday, there was great bustle and excitement around the small exhibition of Silver Jubilee souvenirs. Reporters, photo-

This was devoted to the varied and mostly impressive work of Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Apart from print-ing Her Majesty's stationery— and that of her ministers—the office performs a variety of functions that keep the mills of government grinding, the people instructed and enter-tained.

The first thing you see is a selection of their books, a catholic range of titles including Know your Broadleaves and Wind Environment and Buildings. Next we learn that HMSO produces rag dolls, irises for artificial eyes, and referendum statements in Welsh and Gujerati.
The most curious display is

The most curious display is of 3,600 ball-point pens, strung neatly on a frame. This is the number of pens HMSO is required to supply to its customers every working hour. For those who enjoy such statistics, it is also revealed that our government departments get through half a million balls of twine a year—and that, I suppose, does not inthat, I suppose, does not include the amount needed to string up 3,600 ball-point pens.
No detail is overlooked. Civil servants looking for something in which to carry their ball-point pens and magnificently designed official forms will soon have a coordinated range

of hand baggage, commissioned

by HMSO to replace the pre-sent non-uniform attaché cases. When I left, there were still crowds milling around the jubilee displays, gawking at the corgi toast rack and the numerous mugs. I believe that one of the troubles with this country is a surfeit of mugs. I have dozens too many at home, decorated with nursery rhymes, signs of the zodiac, and extracts from The Times. On the other hand, I never have enough ball-

Role-playing

How did Eleanor Bron, on Monstudents about how to become an actor? The complex logic of the event originated last year when Josia Reichardt organ-ized a series of lectures for the Architectural Association at which hardly anyone turned

That set her wondering bow, if students did not go to lectures, they would ever learn anything. And that gave her the idea for a series of lectures called: "Feeding the mind, or how do we learn?" Miss Bron's was the first, and did at leass achieve the aim of filling all the sears. the seats.

The actress, best known for

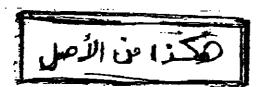


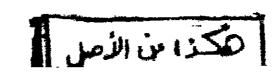
more a seminar than a lecture. So they placed the audience of a hundred or so in a semi-circle round her. Wearing a trouser suit, a burgundy wool shawl and lots of silver things round her neck, she propped "Pierre Cardin ties-norn herself on the back of her chair £3.95—sale price £6.95." her work in televized satire, and began her talk-"How do wanted an informal setting, we learn to be somebody else?

with three faintly w theatrical jokes.

Things improved after
She is an intelligent spe
who knows how to interes
audience, even if some of
reasoning was a little intri-An actor, she maintained he learns to give the im sion of being someone Maybe because in real Miss Bron is very much like characters she plays, som-the questions afterw reverted to the question of reverted to the question of far actors put themselves their roles. "Everyone is little mini-play most of time," she mused. "Art goes on for about two he but life goes on for ages." Next week's lecture called: "How do we lapanese in two days if we lames Bond?" and the sends on March 14 with a by an artist and psychole by an artist and psychol-on: "How do we learn by clothes she takes off?" I torward to some gr improved architecture in

Inflation has caught up with January sales at Chiesman Lewisham, whose advertises in the South East-London Kentish Mercury adverti







could be done about them, and that when the pound was strong ves has been broken, partly by the greater realism of government economic policies and partly by

financia economic policies and party of ionally and locally the political will and farsighted work range ness of Chancellor Schmidt, inteers.

President Ford and others who a perminent ione understood and heeded Mr Caled a minimum palaghan's argument that financial n public funds to stabilization in Britain must port grant for proceed, port grant for the proceed the potential of balances—being money held in nity and colories. nity and mountain sterling deposits and short-term although chicial to sterling assets by foreigners ut the complement ever have by themselves caused ays married les any economic damage is and manic when the tolog and their accumulation and man-Casa or mighting neglected and son it would be to the balance of payments and once the contains significant invisible earnings of e had been as at foreign exchange by the City.

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vere of course ignored. . . There have been a succession f locally based inquiries into he actions of policemen or

ir, I refer to the letter from Sir

ames Richards and others (The

imes, Jamuary 4) concerning the roposed change in the GLC Archi-

If the design and construction of

ouses is viewed as one aspect of

ousing then the change seems ex-emely sensible, since it is a re-

firmation of housing as a humane

ontinuous process rather than a roduct dominated programme. If

ouses do not by themselves create

mes then this sharing of respon-

bility with others should increase

te possibility of a more coherent busing policy with fewer architec-

nic fashion flutters—I forget, are gh rise houses good or bad for

It is worth recalling that the thousing effort after the

ir was the responsibility of the

inistry of Health—and was seen part of a process of establishing

tional wellbeing. Healthy people n live in cold buildings—the ill

JLC housing rom Mr Cedric Price

cts Department.

these days?

e in them.

with the Government.

that the police are out of the Government's control. Though, unfortunately, not surprising, it is depressing to see members of my profession using yet again the delights expressed by past overseas visitors as a measure of the worth of their products. I feel certain the controller of housing could supply a more critical appraisal of their value from

present tenants. The profession does itself a disservice when, as the letter implies, divorces architectural standards from architectural service.

Yours truly. CEDRIC PRICE, 38 Alfred Place, WC1. Tanuary 4.

Ulster reconciliation

From The Reverend Adrian Hastings Sir. Could it be that the criticism by the Catholic Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois of the political vacuum in Northern Ireland owes something to unease with the peace movement for community reconciliaearn an extra \$3,800m or so in balance of payments surpluses over that decade. If this extra balance of pay-

ments surplus on current account is achieved, about a third of 1 per cent of national output that would otherwise have been available each year for investment or consumption at home will be forfeit. This is not in itself a large amount; but even smaller amounts have caused difficulty in the past.

If the extra surplus is not achieved then the repayments of the converted sterling balances will have to be financed by other borrowing abroad; and that other borrowing may or may not turn out to be less onerous than the form of finance provided by the sterling balances themselves. In other words the course on which the Prime Minister has embarked is right, but stony.

The Basle agreement is thus anything but an occasion for relaxation, except perhaps relaxation of tension. It actually increases, albeit modestly, the balance of payments surpluses we shall need to earn over the next ten years; and that cost cannot just be written off as yet another charge against the already heavily ear-marked fruits of the North Sea.

For this reason governments will have to resist not merely the temptation to ease fiscal and monetary restraints on spending, but also the temptation to allow the pound to appreciate too strongly if and when returning confidence and the expected improvement in the current account promotes such a tendency. If something like \$3,800m in foreign exchange is going to be needed by the mid-80s to pay off converted sterling balances, then extra reserves must be built up to that level over the intervening years. Otherwise Mr Callaghan's successful diplomacy and President Ford's and Chancellor Schmidt's acts of faith will be

### **PRICE FIXING BY TRADE UNION POWER**

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away adverse consequences of

weak government policies and

They have also lent a super-

ficial plausibility to the argument

that international capitalism (somewhat oddly operating

through the management of the

national reserves of other, fre-

quently socialist, governments)

exercised some oblique financial

veto over the conduct of Britain's

domestic affairs when Labour

Governments sought to imple-

ment their election manifestos.

substantial threat to the pound

from any switching of sterling

reserves held by other countries

and the eventual removal of the

balances themselves, under the

proposed progressive conversion

of the balances into British Gov-

ernment securities denominated

in foreign currency should help

by removing both the nervous-

ness and the excuses for the

The main justification for the

consequences of wrong policies.

greater strength of sterling now

is not the safety net scheme as

such, but partly the Government's correction of the alarming

trend of monetary policy last summer and partly the correction

of exaggerated pessimism last

October. But just as it was wrong

then to extrapolate the pound's

weakness in a straight line to

early extinction, so it would be

wrong now to extrapolate the

improving tone on a straight-line

None of the fundamental prob-

lems of the British economy have

changed. Indeed, in one import-

ant way they are augmented. If,

as appears to be the intention,

the Government has been con-

strained by the creditor govern-

ments of the Group of Ten

countries putting up the \$3,000m

safety net to undertake to

convert the existing official

balances into foreign currency

bonds which will then be repaid

in cash within ten years, the

United Kingdom will have to

to sunlit uplands.

The immediate removal of any

industrial performance.

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they were causing trouble and

the pound was weak, as either a

cause or a consequence, nothing

no one was minded to do any-thing about them. This deadlock

agement has at times been a

source of both valuable support

But the belief that these bal-

ances, which could always in

theory be withdrawn at short

notice, hung like Damocles'

sword over the exchange value

of the pound was itself a source

of nervousness: it tended to

magnify the effects of any

weakening of confidence in the

pound arising from other causes.

The sterling balances have

also provided a whipping boy for

When the Department of Prices If Mr Hattersley really feels the delivery drivers' union is and Consumer Protection was created to usher in the new era acting in an irresponsible way, of fearless promotion of fair then it is within his power to trading practices, consumers act more decisively, and he were promised vigorous actionshould have the support of other against anyone who dared trample on their interests. It is, trade unions whose members in therefore, disappointing to see a these inflationary times are minister of the abilities of Mr Roy Hattersley contriving a situaion so totally counter to his Nhitehall brief. Act contains a provision that has never been invoked. The Gov-The spectacle of the small ernment has a statutory power to United Road Transport Union refer, under Section 79, the juite openly forcing superdeliverymen's restrictive labour narkets to observe prices for practice to the Monopolies Comoread higher than if consumers mission to determine whether

were allowed to exercise their their behaviour is against the free choice is an amazing one. public interest. The provisions It is largely of Mr Hattersley's cover this case, where there is a own making, given the history refusal to supply goods and of intervention on trade disservices. counts; the responsibility for cor-Unlike a normal Commission recting what the Consumers' reference, the Government does Association has told the TUC's not even need to determine general secretary, Mr Len prima facie whether a monopoly Murray, is an "arrant disregard for consumer interests" rests situation and related restrictive

really believes its actions are designed to protect the public interest, defending the corner shop suppliers of bread against the supermarkets. Let them test their arguments before an independent commission which is deeply concerned with fair trading behaviour and, indeed, is at being denied competitively present enquiring into the bread priced bread. The Fair Trading and flour supply industry. and flour supply industry.

As the law stands, it is not open to the Office of Fair Trading to refer a restrictive labour practice, and the power to order the necessary inquiry rests solely with the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

Any government that claims to to act for the wider public interest must demonstrate this by using the powers Parliament has provided. Unions led the fight against retail price fixing, and it is an irony to see one of their number engaging in a practice they condemned when exer-cised by manufacturers and practice exists. It is difficult to other suppliers, a practice now see the URTU objecting if it outlawed in the public interest.

A number of whites who were

detained in South Africa have

### SECRET DEATH IN SOUTH AFRICA'S PRISONS

The admission by the South warders in the past ten years, African police yesterday that but still the "suicides" of poli-tical suspects and prisoners conwo more detainees under intinues, and still no change is errogation have died has led made in prison administration or he South African Institute of methods-although on a number Race Relations to ask for another of occasions judges have imposed judicial inquiry. Fifteen are said fines and even imprisonment on o have died in police custody n 1976, and, more boldly, Mr Sonny Leon, a member of the warders or police who were found guilty of behaving improperly-or brutally. The fact official Coloured Representative that some justice occasionally is louncil, three weeks ago called or an inquiry by the Interdone may be adduced by apologists for South Africa as evinational Commission of Jurists, dence that there is legal restraint ndicating that no other judicial over police and warders. nvestigation would be con-The salient fact is that the

deaths in prison continue. The He was right, though the bouth African Institute quite further fact is that the constant excuse of the police that the properly called for the only prisoners took their own lives is ction the South African Governitself a clear admission that nent would consider. The call torture, physical and psycholoor an impartial investigation is gical, is extensively employed, is not new. After the death of Mr carried to extreme lengths, and Ahmed Timol, for instance, the is on an increasing scale. It is esult of falling by an alleged ccident from the tenth floor of prison window, the Interational Jurists themselves called or an impartial inquiry. They

evidence that Mr Vorster's Government is unperturbed by the occasional judicial reverses their men suffer, and suggests that the police and the warders' methods are to its liking. The only alternative to such a conclusion is

returned to the world to report not only that they were told of the tortures by non-white prisoners they surreptitiously made contact with, but heard evidence of it with their ears. They may be accused of bias. They should not be. For this is a case in which the accused, the South African Government, must be held guilty until it proves its innocence. It has suppressed all the evidence it can and intimidated all possible witnesses. Newspaper investigation of prison affairs is illegal and those who infringe the law have been punitively fined. The ordinary citizen who speaks up disappears -the Minister of Justice can detain anyone for a year without a charge, and he has a vast arsenal of weapons of

intimidation. The South African Government may refuse an international inquiry, but it must be told that so low has the reputation of its justice fallen that no other inquiry will be acceptable. Default must, therefore, be entered as an admission of guilt.

Human society has its perennial mechanisms for reconciling divided groups, the chief of these being the common education of the young and marriage across the divide. The logic of the peace movement is to encourage shared education and mixed marriages, the current disci-

schools could greatly increase the fears of the community and is quite out of the question, could the Church not take the lead in encouraging an openness to inter-church sharing both in school and in marriage? By so doing it would undermine the basic causes of sectarian distrust which its own regulations have hitherto stimulated.

There could be no more authentic contribution, in deed as well as in

pline of the Catholic bishops of Ireland is to oppose them. While a hasty mixing of all

word, to the cause of peace. Yours, ADRIAN HASTINGS, 80 Bedford Place, Aberdeen.

Ianuary 6.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

offences of a minor nature.

Even here, though, there would

be grave danger of injustice, especially since so much of the evi-

dence in such cases depends solely

on the testimony of police officers.

Acceptance of your arguments must

cast serious doubts on the desir-

ability of the whole system of magi-strates courts. To abolish them, of course, would be inordinately ex-

pensive, as they deal with some 96

per cent of all criminal cases in this country, and there is, as I understand it, no distinction be-

tween lay and stipendiary magis-

and efficiency of magistrates varies considerably, both from bench to bench, and within the

membership of each petty sessional division. A similar criticism could

be made of the professional judi-ciary (why else do counsel manoeuvre to have their cases heard

by one judge rather than another?).

It is at least arguable that magi-

strates, who are experienced in weighing the value of evidence pre-

sented to them and in assessing the

credibility of witnesses and defen-dants, and who moreover are accus-

tomed to court procedure, may be a little more likely to arrive at the

truth than a group of citizens with

no experience, qualification or training for the task, who may also be be wildered and puzzled by the

unfamiliar procedure of the crown

one way or the other to indicate whether juries or justices are more

And shough the price of justice is probably beyond rubies, it is certainly true that the price of dealing with cases in the crown courts is

greatly in excess of disposing of

often right in their findings?

them before magistrates. .

Yours faithfully.

JOYCE PURSER,

Woodbyth, Dogsthorpe Road,

Village schools

From Canon L. W. C. Sharland

Sir, May a former country parson

suggest that some of our current education problems might be parti-

ally solved by a return to village schools? However wise or otherwise ir was 'to close village schools,

reduce railroads and reorganizé

medical services, it must surely be sound wisdom to reexamine such

things when circumstances again

The real indictment from future

historians will surely not be that

great mistakes were made, but that

they were not admitted or corrected when it was clearly right to do so.

A return to primary village educa-tion would have some obvious advantages, including the provision

of a strong foundation for the new

improved education structure Mrs

Williams and others are seeking, and

could help to reduce the number

of redundant teachers as well as

involve more closely the parents

But what of the cost? Why not a Village Jubilee Project, at least to provide the buildings? And of

course there would be some saving

of money from reduced school bus and meal services.

Unfortunately, as time went on, the creation of life peerages began to be included in or, indeed, almost confined to, "Honours Lists", and this has created a measure of con-

fusion in the public mind and in the

attitude of the media. I see no reason why service to the nation should not be recognized by the

offer of an hereditary peerage as

are the Orders of Chivalry.

Some measure of reform of the

House of Lords is probably desirable and certainly possible without totally eliminating the hereditary element, which element seems to me

to be acceptable and logical so long

as we, as a nation, are proud to have an hereditary monarch as head

Fletcher-Cooke's contention that the present situation amounts to a variation of our constitution without the

sanction of Parliament Assembled or

Whatever the ultimate decision

may be, as the matter stands Mr John Lee is correct when he writes (January 6) that it is "constitutional

minute by minute, the tracks of every hostile aircraft that crossed

our coasts, and these identifications

by the Observer Corps were very accurate. A preliminary "yellow" followed by a "purple" warning was given if possible 20 to 30

minutes in advance to police, railway and a few other HQs. The final

"red" warning, on which the sirens were sounded, was given when a raider was 10 or 15 minutes from,

and pointing at, a likely objective.

I myself counted some 150 raiders

crossing the Dorset coast and pro-

ceeding north on a "beam" for

Coventry at two or three minute intervals. Others came in over the

Essex coast on another beam. I

feel sure that Coventry received

the maximum possible warning once

the raiders were seen to have crossed the coast and to be heading

It was an unpleasant and unfor-

gettable night, raiders only being

there were no reports of enemy intercepted or shot down. There

was, however, one bright spot at

daylight when a photographic

reconneissance aircraft came in over the Welsh coast to take pictures of the Coventry runs. It

was intercepted and destroyed.

clear of the country at dawn, and

for that city.

Yours truly,

The Cottage,

Basingstoke.

January 7.

THOMAS ELMHIRST.

On the night of the Coventry raid

change occurring by stealth".

I am, Sir, yours, etc,

House of Lords.

of the People.

FERRIER,

It follows that I agree with Mr

and local community.

LEONARD SHARLAND,

Longmeadow Road,

Yours truly,

Applegarth,

Lympstone, Devon.

January 10.

Peterborough. January 6.

change?

Is there really any hard evidence

There is no doubt that the quality

trates in your criticism.

### Amending India's constitution

From the High Commissioner for

Sir, How good it would be if the cobbler would stick to his last! I have great respect for Mr Levin's views on Wagner; I have much less for his views on the Indian Constitution. I doubt that he has read any of the 395 Articles of the Constitution or any of the 59 clauses of "the Legislation". I do not write on Wagner; I wish he did not write on the Indian Constitution. His two articles (January 5 and

6) to which your distinguished newspaper has given such prominent hospitality are déjà lu. They repeat, accepting as gospel, what Mr Kamath, a Socialist member of the Opposition, has said publicly in India almost in his own words. This explains no doubt why Mr Levin's vitriol is not matched by Mr Levin's normal verbal elegance.

It is not possible within the conthe solution of a letter to controvers point by point Mr Levin's interpretation of "the Legislation". The thrust, with which alone I shall deal, of Mr Levin's argument—enhanced by your headlines—is that "the Legislation" is designed to make the lation" is designed to make Mrs Gandhi a dictator because it enhances the powers of the Legislature-not Executive—and reduces that of the Courts.

What "the Legislation" in fact does is to restore to the Indian Parliament some—only a fraction— of the supremacy which the British Parliament has and curtail some of the enormous powers of the Indian judges which British judges never had. If the British Constitution does not make Mr Callaghan a dictator how does an amended Indian Con-stitution which still leaves Mrs Gandhi with much lesser powers make her one?

Mr Levin refers to Mrs Gandhi's majorities as "tame". Why? Are they any tamer than those of Mr Callaghan or Mr Schmidt? Even Mr Kamath would not deny that Indian elections have, so far at least, been free and fair. True it is that there are still a handful of legislators under detention—but there are none for their political views or their voting record; only for their un-and-extra-constitutional activities.

the infamous Keshavanand Bharati case decided by a majority of seven judges to six the the "basic structure" of the Constitution could not be amended by the constitutional processes clearly stated in Article 356 of the Constitution. What the "basic structure" was, nor what the method of amending it should be, they were not pleased to indicate. That is why "the Legislation" makes it clear who has the power to amend the Constitution. It is not the Prime Minister—it is It is not the Prime Minister—it is wholly incorrect that she can change with a two-thirds majority. The powers of the judges have been curtailed but their independence safe-guarded because their tenures are secure. Is it really a step towards dictatorship to transfer power from the nominees of the Chief Executive—which in essence the judges are in all democracies—to the freely elected representatives of the

B. K. NEHRU, High Commissioner India House January 10.

### The German economy

From Sir Keith Joseph

Sir, One may admire the technical virtuosity of Lord Kaldor's intellectual gymnasium which permits him to acclaim the Federal Republic of Germany as an example of socialism (January 6), but he clashes at many points with the verifiable facts. Far from putting Germany in "the dog house", as Lord Kaldor suggests I should do, I hail it in many many and or a complete facts. many ways as an example of rational economic policies.

The avowed policy of the Federal Republic under both parties has been conformity with the market, reliance on the private sector, firm control of the money supply.

I could not do better than refer ord Kaldor to a study "Germany Lord Kaldor to a study "Germany through Inflation and Recession: An Object Lesson in Economic Management, 1973-76" by Dr Konrad Zweig which this centre published towards the end of last year. The author shows how the liberal economic thought accepted by all three German parties, com-bined with courageous monetary policies by the Central Bank, per-mitted Germany to ride out the recession and world inflation. If Lord Kaldor could only persuade his Labour Party colleagues to adopt similar policies, I for one would be happy to let him label them anything he likes.

But so long as he would have us believe that Germany's prosperity comes from following his prescriptions. I must respectfully set the record straight.

sours faithfully, KEITH JOSEPH, Director. Centre for Policy Studies, Wilfred Street, SW1. january 11.

### Clocks in danger

From Mr J. M. M. Keil Sir, As we have recently experienced the loss of a very good bracket clock, I can fully support

Mr Pennefather's concern (letters,

January 7). One wonders whether sufficient effort is being made in the detec-tion and recovery of stolen works of art. The ease with which items are transferred overseas by container van with apparently mini-mum documentation is quite appalling.

There has recently been correspondence complaining of foreigners buying antiques due to our devalua-tion. Surely it is even more disturb-ing when they go for nothing. Yours faithfully, J. M. M. KEIL. John Keil Limited, 154 Brompton Road, SW3.

January 10.

### The right of trial by jury

From The President of The Law them perhaps to deal with traffic

Society Sir, It is too much to hope that the cogency and wisdom of your leader of January 6 will influence those who are Hell-bent on restrict-ing the right to trial by jury. The Bill before Parliament reflects the modern tendency in Whitehall for administrative and economic reasons, to implement the worst and eliminate the best from the reports of Committees. Those tried before magistrates, as The Law Society has repeatedly pointed out, are denied the right vouchsafed in a higher court, of knowing in advance the case they have to meet. The recommendations of the James Committee in this respect are not pursued.

The fundamental weakness of their Report was that they were pre-pared to recommend reductions in the right to trial by jury, whilst expressly denied by their terms of reference, the opportunity to deter-mine which was the more fair and

just method of trial.

I have long applauded the valuable contribution which the magistracy makes to the administration of justice. Forty years' experi-ence of the operation of the criminal courts, however, has convinced me and the Council of The Law Society, that lay magistrates in general, and stipendiaries in particular, should not be given an exclusive jurisdiction in all charges of petty their such as shoplifting, or in charges of assault on or or in charges of assault on or obstruction of the police, in indecent assault and importuning. Whilst a number of such cases might safely be left to them, there are a significant number in which, because justices tend unlike juries, to be case hardened and more

legalistic, justice is denied. The James Committee was established for the purpose of devising means of reducing the expense and congestion in the higher courts. This was largely, if not entirely, a London problem and ignores the problems of delay in the magistrates courts themselves.

The further restriction now proposed only extends a fundamental weakness in our system of justice, namely that jurisdiction of the courts is based not on the serious-ness, complexity or difficulty of any particular case, but, in general, on the amount of money involved.
The two things are not always synonymous. As the James Committee itself observed: "Monetary value is not always a realistic guide to the gravity of the offence."

This is a further step in an all too familiar direction. Once again, expediency becomes a substitute for justice and freedom dies another Yours very truly,

DAVID NAPLEY, President's Room, The Law Society's Hall, Chancery Lane, WC2. January 10.

From Miss Joyce Purser

Sir, If the arguments in your leader today (January 6), opposing the restriction of certain cases to the megistrates' courts, are valid, then the implications for the future of those courts is serious. If it is indeed true that magistrates "suf-fer from the blinkers of their largely white middle class member-ship and are too ready to accept, uncritically, evidence given by the police, and that a wrongful con-viction is more likely in a magistrates' court", then surely the pres-sure should be to remove as many cases as possible from these grossly unsatisfactory tribunals, leaving

#### Hereditary peerage From Lord Ferrier

Sir, I feel I may be able to make a contribution to the correspondence initiated by Mr Fletcher-Cooke's letter (January 4). As one of the original life peers, whose creation was announced in a Gazette unconnected with any "Honours List", it was perfectly clear at the time that the Life Peerages Act, 1958, was designed to increase the number was designed to increase the number of people willing, and able, to apply themselves to the work of the Second Chamber rather than only

to reward past service. admit that, when I accepted the offer of a life peerage, I took the view that the hereditary system was "on the way out", but it did not take many years of experience in Parliament for me to become convinced that this was in fact an according to the state of acceptable system to ensure that comparatively young and vigorous members of independent mind are available (whatever their party allegiance, if any) to take a substantial part in the onerous duties which comparationally to fall upon which seem increasingly to fall upon the Second Chamber, and I did not envisage a total cessation of the creation of hereditary peerages as marks of service to the state.

Coventry air raid From Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst

Sir, May I add a "follow up" to your records and to Robert Parker's contribution in your columns of

January 6. On the night of the Luftwaffe's raid on Coventry, November 14, 1940, I was "on watch", 8 pm to 8 am, as the duty Air Commodore in charge of the Fighter Command underground operations room at the HQ at Bensley Priory, Stammore. When I took over from my predecessor at 8 pm, he told me that the C-in-C (Dowding) had been told that day by Whitehall that a raid was likely that night on the Birmingham-Coventry area, and that orders had already been given for one of our few mobile anti-aircraft and searchlight battenies to move from the Manchester-Liverpool area to the new target area. He also told me that Fighter Group HQ in the East and South of England, where night fighters were based, had been warned of the possibility of a heavy night attack on the Midlands.

The same procedure, though I cannot vouch for it, probably occurred on the days before the evening heavy raids on Southamp-ton, Bristol, Liverpool, Portsmouth and London, all of which suffered heavily that November and December. Air raid warnings were stan-dardized and "set off" by the duty Air Commodore who overlooked the operations room table map of Britain on which was plotted,

### The Banabans and the Gilbertese

From the General Secretary, Council for World Mission (Congregational for World Miss and Reformed)

Sir, We should all be grateful to Sir Bernard Braine for his article on Ocean Island (The Times, January 10) and to James Cameron for a relevision film on the same subject. It is not often that the small population of a distant speck on the map gain such a sympathetic hear-ing in Britain. That there has been a case of

exploitation under the British colonial system there can be no doubt. The benefit accruing to Britain was the cheap food we were able to import from Australia and New Zealand, subsidized by Ocean Island's cheap fertilizer. Britain must attempt to put things right. Unfortunately the present pub-licity focuses solely on the Banabans and not on the Gilbert Islands as a whole. The Banabans and the Gilbertese were one people, one in language and tradition, one by intermarriage, so it was not just a com-mercial trick to include Ocean Island within the boundaries of the Gilbert Islands colony. The phosphate was regarded quite properly as a resource for all the Gilbertese with separate royalties going to those who directly owned the Ocean Island land itself.

To speak now of separation for Ocean Island is a blow to the Gilbertese. Britain cannot escape from her Pacific entanglements by taking narrow view of her responsi

It will be up to Pacific people themselves to find a reconciliation of interests, but perhaps Britain may allay fears by adopting a policy such as the following:

1. With the Governments of Aus-

tralia and New Zealand, Britain should ensure that the British Phosphate Commissioners make generous provision in lieu of making good the surface soil of Ocean Island. 2. With this resource behind them the Banabans should be given freedom to resettle on Ocean Island if

they wish to do so.
3. The Gilbert Islands Government should be informed that Britain does not recognize independence for Ocean Island at the present

4. Britain should expedite the independence of the Gilbert Islands, and seek an agreed timetable, perhaps two or three years after inde-pendence, for a referendum among Banabans who live on Rabi or Ocean Island on the question of independence f a Ocean Island; the majority wish to be respected by all the Pacific peoples.

Putting right an historic wrong

is always very difficult; we are liable to create new injustices. Therefore the British Parliament should not be hustled into adopting a short term and narrow view of our obligations.

Yours. BERNARD THOROGOOD, Livingsrone House, 11 Carteret Street, SW1.

#### **Voting in Europe** From Mr Pietro Cipolla

Sir, I should like to draw your attention to a worrying fact concerning the future (or possible) elec-tions of the European Parliament: that of the vote of emigrants, and in particular of the Italian emigrants, resident in the EEC. They number an astonishing 1,600,000 (the statistics are taken from an article in one of the December issues of La Voce degli Italiani a formightly newspaper for Italians resident in the United Kingdom) and as things stand at the moment, they will have to return to their country of origin in order to vote. The exercise of this right, which far from being just another bureau-cratic obstacle to be overcome as quickly as possible, should be felt as the ultimate realization of European integration; will be for most of these Italians, at the best, a very expensive duty, at the worst a worth-

less abstraction. Only 14 per cent of the Italians living abroad voted in the recent legislative elections in Italy, and granted the way I think, the European elections have been played down and delayed for so long, and the feeling of many emigrants who the feeling of many emigrants who have been cut out of the political elections of the countries they have been resident for so many years, I fear the percentage of those who will return to vote will be much

I should think that if a European Parliament is to be really pean" and not just a projection of age old national systems and poli-cies, this small and seemingly insignificant anachronism should be removed. Yours faithfully.

PIETRO CIPOLLA, 114 Kineton Green Road, Solibull. West Midlands.

### Temple Bar

From Mr Angus Acworth Sir, I refer to the letters on this subject which you published on December 31 and January 7. There

is a sort of ten-year itch about Temple Bar. This scheme and that is put forward to bring it back to the City of London, all of them in my view misconceived. Temple Bar was designed by Sir Christopher Wren as a ceremonial entrance to the City. It was re-

moved when traffic increased, the street plan was altered and the mise-en-scène changed out of recog-nition. Temple Bar cannot be put on the site for which it was designed; and so mistaken efforts are made to find somewhere else to put it-the bottom of Middle Temple Lane, the north-east corner of St Paul's Churchyard or wherever.

Those who would bonour Wren should realize that there is nowhere in the City where the gateway can be an integral part of its setting as opposed to being just an exhibit. At Potter's Bar it is a distinguished landscape feature of the kind which became popular in the eighteenth century. It is best left there but the Department of the Environment should take guardianship—at the moment I believe it is no more than scheduled-so that it is properly

maintained. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

ANGUS ACWORTH, 47 Eaton Square, SW1.

Mr J. N. A. Lubhack and Miss J. L. King

and Miss J. L. King
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, son of Mr and
the Hon Mrs D. M. Lubbock, of
Farnell Mains, Brechin, Angus,
and Jane Louisa, daughter of
Colonel and Mrs Charles King, of
The Court House, Wyke Hall, Gillingham, Dorset.

The engagement is amounced between Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs D. K. Cullinan, of Gaborone, Botswana, and Caroline, only daughter of Mrs Dallas, of Toat House, Pulborough, Sussex, and the late Mr W. T. Dallas.

and Miss E. J. F. Rooker
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr A. E. Dix, of Durban, South Africa, and of Mrs C. P. Dix, of Salisbury, Rhodesia, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Rooker, of Arden House, by Alexandria, Dunbartonshire.

and Miss D. Jacobs
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs H. Gough, of Red Hall, Chandler's Cross, Hertfordshire, and Dinah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Jacobs, of Orchard Cottage, Buckland Common, Tring, Hertfordshire.

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### SOCIAL NEWS

Queen Elizabeth the Queen will visit the International Spring Fair of the giftware and hardware industries, at the National Exhibition Centre, Birningham, on February 8.

Oneen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will open the new headquarters of the Pharmaceutical coclety of Great Britain in Lambeth High Street on February 22. The Duke of Kent, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will be installed as Chancellor of Surrey University in Guildford Cathedral

The Duke of Kent will present the Tarmac British Racing Championship Award at the Europa Hotel. London, on February 3. and Miss J. A. Crawford
The engagement is announced between Raymond Stuart, son of Mr W. E. Beaumont and the late Mrs P. D. Beaumont and stepson of Mrs W. E. Reaumont, of West Horsley, Surrey, and Jennifer Ann, daughter of Mrs D. Crawford and the late Dr J. W. Crawford, of Tonbridge, Kent.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, will open the new bone and foint research unit at the London Hospital on February 3. Princess Alexandra will plant the first tree for the Kingston Jabilee Tree Fund at Surbiton Lagoon on January 27.

Lady Inglis of Glencorse gave birth to a daughter on January 10. Mrs Newson regrets that she is unable to reply personally to the many letters she has received on the death of her husband, Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Newson,

and hopes their friends will accept her sincere thanks for their sympathy.

### **Marriages**

Mr A. L. Christian and the Hon Margaret Mackay. and the Hon Margaret Mackay.

The marriage took place on December 23, 1976, in Legerwood Church, Berwickshire, between Mr Allen Christiau, only son of Mr and Mrs E. L. Christiau, of Evanston, Illinois, United States, and the Hon Margaret Anne Mackay, younger daughter of the late Lord Reay and of Charlotte Lady Reay, of Southbank, Bowden, Meirose.

The marriage took place on Saturday, January 8, in Worcester Cathedral, between Mr Roger Taylor, son of the late Mr A. M. Taylor and Mrs Taylor, of Coalville, Leicestershire, and Miss Josephine Pirt, daughter of the late Mr D. C. Pitt and Mrs J. G.

### O'Donoghue, of Wembley, Middle-

and Miss C. E. M. Howard
The engagement is announced
between David Hugh, second son
of Professor and Miss D. P. Craig,
of 199 Dryandra Street, Camberra,
Australia, and Caroline Roith
Mary, eldest daughter of the late
Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Howard, MC, and of Mrs Howard, of
Lodge Farm, Beckley, Oxfordshire.

Mr D. H. Craig and Miss C. E. M. Howard

Forthcoming

The Hou E. R. J. Jervis and Miss V. M. Oldham

Mr T. C. J. Walsh and Miss L. O. Hall

Mr R. S. Bezumont and Miss J. A. Crawford

and Miss V. M. Uniming
The engagement is announced between Edward Robert James, elder son of Viscount and Viscountess St Vincent, of Les Charrières, St Ouen, Jersey, Channel Islands, and Victoria Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilton J. Oldham, of Green Lanes, Angerez, St Peter, Jersey, Channel Islands.

and miss L. U. Hall
The engagement is announced between Terence, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. Welsh, of Benson, Oxfordshire, and Louise Owen, only daughter of Sir Noel and Lady Hall, Homer End, Ipsden, Oxford.

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Mr A. J. Dyer and Miss C. E. Daborn The marriage took place on December 30, 1976, at 5t Mary's Church, Gulmarg, Kashmir, be-tween Mr James Dyer, FRCS, and Miss Carol Dabora.

Mr N. R. Nutting and Miss M. Briscoe The marriage took place in London on January 4, 1977, between Mr Nicholas Ronald Nutting and Miss Moira Briscoe. A reception was held at the Savoy Hotel.

Major E. W. A. Power and Mrs S. G. Norton The marriage took place on December 29 between Major Alec Power and Mrs Sara Norton (nee Calrow). Their present address is Watermill Farm, Hazel End Road, Stansted, Essex.

and miss S. J. H. Tyrrell
The engagement is announced
between Paul, younger son of Mr
and Mrs Laurence Viney. of
Merlins Hill, Frichsden Copse,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and
Sally, daughter of the late Mr
C. W. Tyrrell and of Mrs Tyrrell,
of Briars Cross, Limpsfield Chart,
Surrey. The engagement is announced between Harry, younger son of Major-General and Mrs O. M. Roome, of The White Cottage, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, and Prue, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. A. Dowling, of Small-bourne, Pirbright, Surrey. and Miss E. H. bosson
The engagement is announced
between Fabian, son of Mr and
Mrs S. V. Hine, of Sunningdale,
Berkshire, and Elizabeth, daughter
of Mr and Mrs H. G. Robson, of
East Horsley, Surrey.

Mr R. F. Somerset and Miss S. M. Mills
The engagement is announced between Robin Fitzroy, son of the late Major and Mrs A. F. Somerset, and Sarah, elder daughter of Vice-Admiral Sir Charles and Lady Mills, both of Aldeburgh.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr P. W. Hayward, Kirby Cane, Norfolk, and Mrs R. A. Watson, Sonthwold, Suffolk, and Nicola, younger daughter of the late Mr L. A. Bailey and Mrs P. M. Bailey, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

The engagement is announced between Stewart Mellis, youngest son of Mr and Mrs L. McIneosti, of Elgin, Moraystine, and Rosemary Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. L. Jones, of Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs G. N. Powell,

of Cogswell, Tytherton Lucas, Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Celia, daughter of Mr and Mrs. P. Moutague, of The Old Chantry, Helpston, Peterborough.

Mr N. W. T. Hayward

Mr S. M. McIntosh and Miss R. A. Jones

Mr G. C. J. Powell and Miss C. E. Montagne

Mr H. McC. Roome

Mr M. W. Baldwin and Miss M. E. J. Dundas The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs M. W. Baldwin, of Liberton,

Airs M. W. Ballowin, to Lawson, Bedinburgh, and Myfarwy, second daughter of the late Sir Philip Dundas, Bt., and Mrs Alastair Stewart, of Lausanne, Charles Mrs. Stewart, of Charles Mrs. Stewart, of Lausanne, Charles Mrs. Stewart, of Charles

The engagement is announced between Andrew Allen, son of Mr and Mrs R. A. Radcliffe, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Stanhope, of Derby.

Switzerland.

Mr A. A. Radcliffe and Miss N. Stanhope

Mr D. J. Rutter and Miss A. R. G. Millar

Mr R. I. Tupman and Señorita M. Gonzalez

Mr P. S. L. Viney and Miss S. J. H. Tyrrell

A silver and silver-gilt chess set, one of a series commissioned by The Times to commemorate the 1972 Fischer-Spassky tournament, to be sold at Sotheby's Belgravia tomorrow and expected to realize £200-£300

#### Birthdays today

Mr H. G. H. Barratt, 72; Lord Black, 84; Air Vice-Marshal S. O. Bufron, 69; Mr James Byam Shaw, 74; Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Elkins, 74; Brigadier T. Grainger-Stewart, 81; Sir John Masterman, 86; Sir John S. Rende, 60; Lord Russell of Killqwen, 69; Major-General R. B. Stockdale, 69; Major-General F. J. Walsh, 77.

**Eton College** The Lent Half at Eton College begins today. With 102 new boys the total in the school is 1,228.

R. J. McM. Bell, KS, is captain of the school, and K. A. Simon, OS, captain of the Oppidans.

Long Leave will be from February 18 to 21. There will be services of Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Lincoln on March 12 and 13. The half ends on March 23.

St Audries School The Spring Term begins today. On February 24 the Bishop of Bath and Wells will confirm candidates

at Stogursey. Mr J. Roose-Evans will deliver the St Audries Lecture

Allhallows School Allhallows School reopens today. The total subscribed to the 1976 Appeal Fund is now £90,000. The London gathering of the Uld Homi-tonians will take place in the RAF

**Shrewsbury School** The Lent Term begins today with 645 boys in the school. The Bishop of Stafford will take the Confirmation Service on Sunday, March 6. Term ends on Saturday, March 26.

Ulster service awards The Ministry of Defence announces the following awards for service in Northern Ireland between May 1 and July 31 last 

#### Memorial service Mr J. H. Weller-Poley

A memorial service for Mr John Hallifax Welter-Poley was held at Holy Trinity, Brompton, yesterday. The Rev Raymond Turvey officiated, assisted by the Rev Kenneth Sherlock and the Rev Tom Wright. Mr Richard Weller-Poley (son) read the lesson, and Mr Andrew Scott (stepson-in-law) gave an address. Among those present were:

were:

Mrs Weller-Poley (widow), Mr Toky
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Mrs G. Ge Crazzi (intother-in-lew and
sister), General Sr Cocil and Lady
Blacker, Mr P. Blacker, Mr and Mrs
T. Illacker, Mrs Robert Scott, Mr and
Mrs James Scott, Mr David Prior,
Palmer, Miss A. Prior-Paimer, Mrs P.
Gurtand.

The Duke and Oughess of Grafon,
The Duke and Oughess of Cholmondeley, the Earl and Countess of
Incheape, Lord Anthony Hamilton, Viscount Ehrington, Viscount Daveniry,
Cord Grinthorpe, Lord Manion, Mr
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Hon Mrs Jaremy Monson, the Hon
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Mrs David Jessel. Sir Joshua and the Hon
Lady Rowley, Sir Anthony and Lady
Swann, Sir John Mowbray, Sir Richard
and Lady Hyde Parker, Sir Mark
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Mr Marine)
Mr Mayler and Mr Andrew Brenner,
Mr And Mrs Joseph Feliden, Mr and
Mrs Geoffrey Poul, the Ven Edwin
and Mrs Ward, Mrs B. Murray-Threipland, Vir and Mrs Jenathan Backhouse.
Mr Keith Stalmton, MP (rapresenting
Sudbury and Woodbridge Conservative
Association), Mr Raiph Coboold, Mrs
Michael Hamilton, Mr and Mrs William
Cunningham, Mr George Loveday, Mr

### Latest wills

Mr Mohammad Khatami, of Holm-bury St. Mary, Surrey, left estate in England and Wales valued at £1,214,618. He tiled intestate. Miss Isabel May Walton, of Poole, left £240,916 net. She left £15,000 to the Royal Academy of Music for a scholarship or scholarships. Other estates include (net, before Omer estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed): Eadie, Mrs Dorothy Owen, of Tun-bridge Wells . £113,407 Joyce, Mr Cyril Alfred, of Woot-ton Bridge, Isle of Wight, former prison governor, and broadcaster £34,263

P. W. E. Currie, Nr and Mrs W. J.
Lowndes, Mr A. Dpckworth-Chad, Mr George Asiley, Major and Mrs R.
Hoare, Mr Derek Williams, Mr and
Mrs John Lockwood, Mr and Mrs David
Ruck-Koene, Mr and Mrs John Parry,
Mrs Duncan Mackinson, Najor John
Surices, Mr J. Peyton-Jones, Mr Jonathan Major, Mr Dervid Morley, Major
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Ferrand, Mr Mard Baring, Mr Robert
Ranks, Mp, and Mrs Banks, Mrs Co.
Britheck, Mr T. Turnbull, Mrs John
Allen, Mr G. Bullard, Mr Miles de
Zoste, Colonel L. J. LivingstoneLearmonth, Mr A. S. Lazell, Mr and
Mrs B. Curling, Mr Roderick MacLeod,
Mr and Mrs Tom Ruck-Keene, Mr and
Mrs R. Burkeck, Mr and Mrs Andrew
Rollo, Mr C. Smilh Ryland, Mr S. W.
Murray-Threbjand, Mr L. R. Dew
(deputy chairman, Lloyd's also represanting the chairman), Mr Bruce
Dixon, Mr M. W. Busk, Mr Francis
Carbutt, Captain and Mrs C. R. Peacock, Mr Hugh Peacock, Mrs O. Fronside Wood, Captain and Mrs C. R. Peacock, Mr Hugh Peacock, Mrs O. Fronside Wood, Captain and Mrs David
Keith, Mr Oliver Musiker, Mr and Mrs
Anthony Steel, Mr and Mrs Andrew
Mr Berkeley, Stafford, Mr
Mr Mrs Berkeley, Stafford, Mr
Mr Mrs Berkeley, Stafford, Mr
Mr and Mrs Christopher Elwes, Mr
John Saymour, Mr and Mrs Henry
Hildyard, Mr and Mrs C. D. F. Musker,
Mr Capries Smith Bhephsm, Mr Jullah
Seymour, Mr A. M. Nigel Elwes,
Mr Charles Smith Bhephsm, Mr Jullah
Seymour, Mr A. M. Nigel Elwes,
Mr Charles Smith Bhephsm, Mr Jullah
Seymour, Mr R. A. Musker, Miss E.

Drax and Miss D. Brookine Thomas.

The Prince of Wales attends a fund-raising evening organized by combined Charities Com-Frimley Green, Surrey, 8.15. Royal Archaeological Institute meeting: "Ia chantepleure—a late medieval badge", by John Cherry, Burlington House, 5.

### Mr C. Irving, MP Mr Charles Irving, MP, gave a dinner party at Claridge's botel yesterday in honour of Lady Row-landson. Among others present

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**Dinners** 

were:
Sir Graham Rowiandson, Marqaret
Durches of Argyli, Sir Henry and Lady
Phillips, Mr and Mrs R. F. Runt,
Miss Evelyn Laye, Mr and Mrs Alec
Gignville and Mr Nicholas Hinton.

### Lieutenancy of Staffordshire

The following have been appointed deputy ligutenants for Staffordshire: Colonel K. A. Cowan, of Barlaston; and Colonel D. M. Tatlow, of Codsall.

will retire on April 11.

St Edmund Hall Association Receptions The London dinner of the St Edmund Hall Association was held last night at Simpson in the Strand. The president of the association, Sir Denis Wright, was in the chair. The guests were the Principal of St Edmund Hall, the Rev Dr J. N. D. Kelly, and the president of the junior common room, Mr E. Gray. Baroness Serota Baroness Serota held a reception saroness serota field a reception at the House of Lords yesterday for members of the Fifi Women's Club, London Branch, in honour of Princess Salote Pilolevu of Tonga, Mrs S. M. Tuina. Prince Ahoetin Tuku, aho of Tonga, anended. Among others present Gardeners' Company

attended. Among others present were:
The Lord Chapcelior, the High Commissioner for Fili and Mrs Gibson, the Deputy Righ Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs McLean, Lord and Lody Gore-Booth. Lady Maclean. Baroness Hornsby-Smith, Baroness Gaitskell, Lady Bunting, Lady Carter. Sir Graham Lake, Lady Hammett, Mrs Stridsht Eamphall, Mr and Mrs Q. V. L. Weston, Lieutenamy-Commander Tom Blackburn, Mrs Municul Brooks (chahman), Mrs Kenneth Bah (founder), Mr and Mrs C. D. Ritchle, Miss D. Mourea), Mrs S. Pennington-Richards. Dr Ann Rodway and Mrs Tulius Carrick. Gardeners' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress, accompanied by the
Sheriffs and Mrs A. C. Cole,
attended the Gardeners' Company
annual ladies night dinner at the
Mansion House yesterday. They
were received by the Master and
Mrs Crosse, the Upper Warden
and Mrs Brunel Cohen and the
Renter Warden and Mrs Jones.
The speakers were the Lord
Mayor, the Master, the Upper
Warden and the High Commissioner for Canada. Other guests
included the Master of the
Fruiterers' Company and Mrs Barton, Sir Giles and Lady Loder,
and Sir Jack and Lady Rampton. Viscount Caldecote, chairman of the Design Council, and Mr Harold Clover, Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, were joint host

### at an evening reception held yes-terday at the Design Centre, Hay-market, for the opening by the Lord Privy Seal, Lord Peart of an exhibition of the work of the Stationery Office. Luncheon

Sino-British Trade Council Sir John Keswick, Vice-President of the Sino-British Trade Council, of the Sino-British Trade Council, gave a luncheon party at 5 Chester Place vesterday in honour of the departing commercial counsellor of the Embassy of China, Mr Peng Jun-min. Other guests included:
The Chargé d'Affaires of China and Mme Cau, Mr Edward Heath, MP. Mr Richard Samuel, Mr Liu Chin-sheng, newly appointed commercial counsellor of the Embassy of China, Mr J. Johnstone, Mr Shith Wel-san, Mr C. Luif and Mr P. S. Marshall.

### Latest appointments

The Queen has appointed Lord Keith, one of the Senators of the College of Justice in Scotland, to be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and granted to him the dignity of a Baron for life by the style and title of Baron Keith of Kinkel, of Stratinummal in the district of Perth and Kinross.

Other appointments include: Professor Joseph Moore, Dean of the Medical School, Manchester University, to be a member of the North Western Regional Health Authority, in succession to Professor Neil Kessel.

### MATT McGINN

Matt McGinn who has died at 48 in an accident in Glasgow was a well known and prolific Scottish folksong writer. He had written and performed of them witty satisfical or com-passionate observations on the human condition, and especi-ally the ordinary people of

As a boy he was sent to a Catholic approved school for stealing a bag of sweets and this birter experience gave him the material for his grimly humorous novel Fry the Little Fishes. He went to Ruskin College as an adult to learn History and English and returned there to teach. He often appeared as an actor on stage and television, some times in his own plays where he also sang his songs.

#### 25 years ago Flying Enterprise

11, 1952
From Our Special Correspondent Faknouth, Jan 10.—The American cargo boat Flying Enterprise sank at 4.10 pm today about 41 miles from Falmouth. Just before she sank Captain Kurt Carlsen and Mr Dancy, the mate of the tug Turmon, jumped into the water from the funnel of the Flying Enterprise and were picked up by the Turmoil. It was the thirteenth day since Captain Carlsen, when 300 miles out in the Atlantic, had ordered his crew

## **OBITUARY** MR MYLES EASON

Waried stage career

Mr Myles Eason, the actor, who died in the United States on January 8 at the age of 61, had an uncommonly diverse career. He passed with ease from classial playing at Stratford to West and farce and revue, and to hakespeare and My Fair Lady, d in the United States.

Australian-born in May, 1915, i educated in Melbourne, he leared with English regional errory companies during the 1930s. For six actions actions action of Your Life (Apollo, 1948), ti to a Coward musical, Ace Clubs; and eventually a raisequence of characters in the west End revues, ideal for a one of his agility and quentum Perent Polymer 19 when he created a straight p in Agatha Christie's Spide Web at the Savoy, he was againvolved in a long run.

Later, and now once mounder Peter Polymer Peter Polymer 19 when he created a straight p in Agatha Christie's Spide Web at the Savoy, he was againvolved in a long run. appeared with English regional repertory companies during the late 1930s. For six years he served in the army, ending as ADC to Commander 7th Armoured Division (the "Desert Rats"), and on demobilization, joined the company at Stratford upon Avon where Sir Barry Jackson was revitalizing the Memorial Theatre. Those were high days at Stratford with such

The angagement is announced between David, elder son of Mrs M. J. Rutter and the late Mr Rounde Rutter, of Tylers Green, Buckinghamshire, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Miller of Sanduich Rev Kent. Millar, of Sandwich Bay, Kent. The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. I. Tupman, of Sevenoaks, and Maritza, elder daughter of the late Dr L. Gonzalez and Señora S. Gonzalez, of Valencia, Vancounced high days at Stratford with such young players as Paul Scofield, Donald Sinden, and Daphne Slater in the casts: Eason, an actor of power, fluency and grace, had such parts in 1946-47 as Orlando, Posthumus, Grati-ano, and, most strikingly, (in Peter Brook's Romeo and Juliet)

Tybalt, to which he returned in brief London season. Unexpectedly, he went from the classics to a sustained run in a farce, The Happiest Days

under Peter Brook's directive played Pedro in the productions, twice in England, once New York, and on an Americation of the Durrenmatt played done by the Lunts as both Time Again and The Vi Between its several lives he will John Gielgud's assistant a New York revival of Mada Abaut Nothing, and dur Ado About Nothing, and dur the mid 1960s he moved read from Higgins in a New Yorevival of My Fair Lady and an English tour, to Theseus Midsummer Night's Dream) the American Shakespeare Fe val at Stratford, Connecticut One of his least expec parts was in the Sunday ni

resurrection (London, 1950)
Keats's melodrama, Otho 1
Great, in which he play
Albert, the German knight.

#### MR T. S. PILLING

Mr Tom Pilling, a senior In 1966 he was promoted member of the Government Assistant Director at Statistical Service, died sud- Central Statistical Office ; member of the Government Assistant Director at dealy on January 9 at the age of 55. As an Under-Secretary in the Economic and Statistics ment of the Governments of Trade, Industry and Prices and Consumer Protective Committee of Trade, Industry and Prices and Consumer Protective Committee of Trade, Industry and Prices and Consumer Protective Committee of Trade, Industry and Prices and Consumer Protective Committee of Trade, Industry and Prices and Consumer Protective Committee of Trade, Industry and Prices and Consumer Protective Committee of Trade, Industry and Industry Indust tion, he was responsible for compiling and interpreting balance of payments statistics. Before then he had spent much of his career in the Central

Statistical Office.

He joined the Civil Service in 1942 after obtaining a first class honours degree in economics at Leeds University.

Man, the only non-administ two civil servant ever to he in 1942 after obtaining a first this position. His period office was at a difficult ti when, in particular, the arran, for a continuous c During the war he worked in the War Office and HM Treasury, but resigned in 1946 to take up employment with the United Kingdom/Dominion Wool Disposals Limited. He rejoined the Civil Service in 1951 as a Statistician and in subsequent years spent most of his career either in the Board of Trade (and its successor Departments) or in the Central Statistical Office. Most of his industrial archaeology and work with the Government was a very keen walker. In 1 Statistical Service was on the Statistical Service, and inde economic side, and in this he throughout Whitehall, he showed an exceptional flair for interpreting and forecasting economic developments. As a

He was a member of Executive Committee of Association of First Divis Civil Servants from 1963 1967 and for the last 15 mon of this period he was its che man, the only non-administ when, in particular, the arran, ments for settling the pay Higher Civil Servants wheing negotiated. He had resign the chairmanship states. after he took over respon-bilities for management at In all his work, he show great intellectual and prof sional abilities and a nota creative mind. His mainterests included cricket a industrial archaeology and Central Statistical Office.

joyed the respect and frier ship of a wide circle of c leagues, and his warmth Chief Statistician in the character, courtesy and c Central Statistical Office he sense of humour will be greawas prominent in improving missed. He leaves a widow a balance of payment statistics, two daughters.

### MR ROBERT JACKSON

Mr Robert Jackson, who has died at the age of 65, was an author and journalist. One of this best known books was The Chief (1959), a biography of Gordon Hewart, Lord Chief Justice of England from 1922-1940. His lass book was Francis Camps (1975), a biography of the former Home Office pathologist, who played a crucial old of the former Home Office pathologist, who played a crucial and I Captained the Big Ships. part in giving evidence in some of the most famous murder cases of this century.

After serving as a trooper in the Royal Armoured Corps, Jackson was assistant editor of SEAC, the newspaper for the troops in South-East Asia, and, after the Second World War, worked on the magazine *Illus*trated. As a correspondent, he reported wars in Korea, Malaya, Burma and Suez before becom-ing a freelance journalist and

account of an Indian earthquak in 1935; The Nuffield Stor: (1964), a biography of Lord Nuffield; Coroner, the bio a biography of Commodore Robert G. Thelwell who was the captain, among others, of the Queen Mary and Queen Eliza

His most prolific period w

in the 1960s; books publishe

in the decade included: Thirt

Seconds at Quetta (1960), 2.

He also published books on the Second World War, including A Taste of Freedom (1964) stories of German and Italian prisoners who escaped from camps in Britain; and The Navy's Here (1955), the story of the "Altmark affair". This was written in collaboration with Willi Frischauer.

### SIR ERIC ANSORGE the Aylesbury Museum. Like hit father, Dr W. J. Ansorge, the celebrated naturalist am explorer whose name ansorge

Baron de Worms writes: As an old friend I would like to pay a short tribute to Sir Eric Ansorge who died in is borne by so many African birds and butterflies he was January within two months of his ninetieth birthday. He was an old Pauline of which he was very proud and soon after taking very thorough field observe who added much to the know ledge of the natural history o

his degree at St John's College, Oxford, he spent 40 years of his long and active life in the Indian Civil Service under seven vice-It was in the field of natural

history that I knew him best, since after a brief spell in Government service in Nyasa-land he returned to England just after the last war to settle near Chalfont St Peter. Here he spent over 20 years studying at his leisure the insect fauna of that region, chiefly its beetles and lepidotera, of which he made a fine collection which is now in

over a thousand songs; most Glasgow.

## From The Times of Friday, Jan 11, 1952

siasm was great in everything h undertook. He was a mos delightful companion in th field and altogether a ver charming personality. Early is 1975 he celebrated his diamon wedding surrounded by man friends who deeply mourn hi SENOR JOSEPH PALLACH Senor Joseph Pallach, the secretary general of the Catalan Socialist Party, died in Barcilona on January 11. He was 5.

Buckinghamshire. In 1969 le published and up-to-date list o

its butterflies and moths.

Elected secretary-general a party congress only three day ago, he was one of the leadin campaigners for Caralan hom rule and had recently forme an abliance with Christia Democratic and centre-lei

Mr William Pawley, a American pioneer in civil av ation projects in the Far Ear and Latin America, has died the age of 80. Pawley, wh helped organize the famou "Flying Tigers" America volunteer squadron, was also former American Ambassado to Peru and Brazil.

and passengers to abandon shi but remained on board himself. The strong wind which has con-tinued with increasing force eve-since the tow-line parted early yesterday morning prevented, new tow from being rigged. At last night the Flying Enterpris drifted eastwards with heavy son breaking over her decis. 165 breaking over her decks. Jos before the ship sank about ope third of her with the bow pointing almost vertically upward remained above water. Flare which had fallen off the deck became iguited and lighted the shi on her way down. Tugs an accompanying ships sounded theistrens in a last farewell as shaak.

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Mr J. H. Lewis The Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Captain H. Nevile, was present at a memorial service for Mr John Hedley Lewis held at St Wulfram's, Grantham, yesterday, An address was given by the Right Rev Anthony Otter, and the lesson was read by Councillor Clifford Hall, chairman of Lincolnshire County Council Mrs. I. H.

chiter han, charman of Lincoln-shire County Council. Mrs J. H. Lewis (widow). the Duke of Rut-land and the Earl of Ancaster were among those present. Today's engagements

mittee, Lakeside Country Club, Lecture: Living Fossils, British Museum (Natural History), 3. Lunchtime Music : Norman Beedie, piano, St Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, 1.05.

Sir Denis Dobson

Sir Denis Dobson, who is to be succeeded by Mr Wilfrid Bourne as Clerk of the Crown in Chancery and permanent secretary in the Lord Chancellor's Department,

### Science report

### Broadcasting: Electrical engineering prospects

Quadraphonic broadcasts; compact aerials for VHF radio; car radios that pick up news about traffic conditions; radio and television programmes beamed from satellites; television screens half the size of the living-room wall. Those were some of the prospects held out for the future by Mr James Redmond, chief engineer of the BBC, in the Appleton Lecture to the Institution of Electrical Engineers last week. But the difficulties of the broadcaster in reaching stations, must be separated by at least 10kHz in order not to interfere with each other. The more information a transmission must carry the more extensively it must be modulated, so that stereophony, needing two sound channels, requires a wider band, while black-and-white television signals need a bandwidth of a few MHz and colour signals need more. The difficulties of frequency allocation do rot end there. In the atmosphere above a height of about 100 km is a succession of gifteers last week. But the difficulties of the broadcaster in reaching his audience get no easier as time goes on; because of increased crowding of the radio-wave spectrum long-wave and medium-wave broadcasts will become subject to more interference than before.

The waves that carry radio and telectision signals are part of the broad electromagnetic spectrum that includes light waves and X-rays. But whereas the wavelength of light is about fifty millionths of a centimetre broadcasting wavelengths are much the atmosphere above a height of about 100 km is a succession of layers in which there is a high density of free electrons. That region, the lonosphere, has properties that vary with latitude, time of day, season of year and number of sunspots. The ionosphere responds in different ways to waves of different frequencies. During the daytime medium and long waves are absorbed in the lower ionosphere, so the signal that reaches receivers is one that has travelled close to the ground and its coupled to the Earth's curvaface; it follows the Earth's curvafure and travels more readily over soil than concrete. But at night

length of light is about fifty millionths of a centimerre broadcasting wavelengths are much longer. The longest in common use are around the 1500 metre mark of Radio 2 (broadcasters increasingly use wave frequency in hertz (Hz) or cycles a second: 1500 metres becomes 200 kilohertz or 200 kHz). The medium-wave band comprises wavelengths from 200 to 600 metres (1,500 kHz to 500 kHz) and short waves run from 100 to 10 metres (3 million hertz or 3 MHz to 30 MHz). The VHF range is from about 40 MHz to 200 MHz (7.5 metres to 1.5 metres) and beyond, in the several hundred MHz ratige (fractions of a metre wavelength), is the ultrahigh frequency, or UHF range. Public broadcasting is not the only contender for air waves; emergency services, aircraft, the Armed Forces, radio-amateurs, taxicah operators and many others all require some sort of frequency allocation. Unless rudimentary onolf transmissions are to be used, as in Morse Cod, all users require a certain bandwith to carry their messages. That is, although a pure radio signal from the transmitter will have only one frequency, a signal modulared by speech or number of sunspots. The ionosphere responds in different ways to waves of different frequencies. During the dayome medium and long waves are absorbed in the iower ionosphere, so the signal that reaches receivers is one that stravelled close to the ground has travelled close to the ground and is coupled to the Earth's surface; it follows the Earth's surface; it follows the Earth's surface; it follows the Earth's curver and travels more readily over soil than concrete. But at night the absorbing layer in the ionosphere disappears and medium and long waves are reflected back to Earth.

That is inconvenient in two ways: first, that the reflected and ground wave can interfere; that the reflected and ground wave can interfere; that transmitter to about a hundred kilometres; second, that reflected signily results be range of the transmitter to about a hundred kilometres; second, that reflected signily powerful ways, delayed signal is a thousand times in the distant station. Stations as far local signal is a thousand times in the distant station. Stations as far as 3,000km aways can interfere on medium waves at uight. International agreements thus have in be made on geographical allocations of frequency bands, and a stransmitter.

The first, that the reflected and ground wave can interfere seriously with respect to each other. That phenomenon' is also well known for television signals to the main image. A troublesome television picture is much improved by careful adjustment of the main image. A troublesome television for the directional aerials can also greatly reduce multipath interference. That, however, brings to one of frequency bands, and a strong that the receivers in the signal is to one of the unexpected turns broadcasting has taken.

music will consist of a range of frequencies over several kHz is due to come into being in 1978.

Thus radio signals, say from a set of monophonic national stations, must be separated by at least 100Hz, in order not to interfer the day of the come into being in 1978.

When VHF was first introduced in the days of valve radios many and V). There is room there for expected that the improved that the improved

At some times in the day up to 13 per cent of all listeners may be using car radios, and proposals are being made to provide information on traffic conditions for the driver. Such a service would be teldous in the driver. in the extreme to the non-driving listener, and pretty tedious, too, to the Glasgow driver having to listen through information on London traffic jams.

The BBC would like to establish

The BBC would like in establish about seventy stations to report local conditions. They would all be on the same frequency and would come on in turn. A device within the car radio would detect when the nearest station was transmitting and, if the driver so chose, automatically interrupt the regular programme. A pilot experiment is being costed.

Higher up the frequency band,

None the less, research still continues among manufacturers to find a good compact VHF aerial, like the ferrit aerial used for the other bands. And push-button VHF tuining, just coming on the market, may break down resistance to the somewhat delicate operation needed at present. Increased popularity for VHF remains a target for the broadcaster, owing to its ability to reach a limited community without generating interference over a much bigger area. There is scope at the top end of the frequency range for more stations; the upper limit will rise from 97.6 MHz to 100 MHz in 1978 and may eventually rise even higher slace most sets time to at least 104 MHz.

Whereas radio radio has, in a way, resisted the trend to higher frequencies opened up by developing technology, television's future is firmly in a move up the frequency spectrum. Early black-andwhite television, to the 405-line standard, used the frequency bands 41-68 MHz (Band III). There was no room within those bands for the 625-line and colour transmissions, which developed in the 1960s, so UHF was used in the None the less, research still con-

lead to VHF's replacing long-wave and medium-wave broadcasting. That, Mr Redmond notes, is now unlikely. About 40 per cent of the population have radios with a VHF section, but fewer than half of them use it. The reasons are not thand to see. Mostly, the public watches television in the evening and listens to a portable transistor radio set during the day when VHF may not seem to offer any advantages. Indeed, the mild inconvenience of an aerial that gets caught under the doorway on moving from room to room may discourage VHF listening. Only the 7 per cent of the population who settle during an evening to listen to stereo radio really exploit VHF to its full.

None the less, research still con-Interference is no real difficulty in UHF but a good number of transmitters are needed; BBC and ITV reach 97; per cent of the population in URF with 48 main stations and 215 relay stations, but to reach a further 2 per cent another 400 relay stations will be needed.

to reach a further 2 per cent another 400 relay stations will be needed. Even so, the earlier, non-UHF transmissions are expected to be phased out in the 1980s, leaving bands I and III open for possible other broadcasting. Band III is satisfactory for television and could open up prospects for local television. Band I is less satisfactory, owing to occasional lonospheric interference. A variety of ideas has been put forward for sound and data broadcasting; signals might be converted to digital codes for transmission. Finally, it is possible to broadcast from a satellite, above the equator, which has an aerial beamed at the United Kingdom. That would have great attractions in that one transmitter could be "seen" by the whole country, using upward-pointing dish aerials. Four channels could be accommodated in the 12,000 MHz band, which is under discussion. Disadvantages are that regional programmes would be impossible to engineer and that the dish together with a conventional UHF set would cost at least F7S. It was Mr Redmond's view that we may be thinking about a completely different sort of set by the time we are prepared to invest in satellite television. Such a set might comprise about five million colour-light-emitting elements in an array of 2 x 1 merres. Each element would be controlled separately by

of  $2 \times 1$  merres. Each element would be controlled separately by the signal and would be updated 50 times a second. By Nature-Times New Service. (2) Nature-Times News Service.

He had many other interests not least in following cricke and he seldom missed an impostant match at Lord's even whe be was well over 80. His entire

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Washington, Jan 11.—Mr Edwin Yeo, the United States

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He noted that "it will cer-

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first substantive discussions on

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took place immediately after the British Government had

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### THETIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

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mers to help their exports. Sir

aymond has already had dis-ussions with the group.

Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of te National Coal Board, is the

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The brief of the group is to xamine direct exports, over-eas project management and

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largest oil exporter, and Abu Dhabi raised prices by only 5

ir John Gieigud's histrisis facing Iran was confirmed

New York revival destiration the Minister of State for split in the oil producers' carlargest producer by \$23m a
day compared with a year ago.
Detailing the situation, the
Iranian minister yesterday exhave separate stories of emergplained that direct sales of the National Iranian Oil Company

in early January were 51 per-cent down on the December average. Sales through the con-sortium of western oil companies handling a large slice of Iran's crude fell by 35 per cent. Customers who had failed to take delivery of crude sold to them directly had violated their agreements and commitments, he said. They had demanded a discount which was immediately

rejected.
To meet the crisis, the minister disclosed, all the country's future imports would be switched to barter, trading oil for commodities (as practised with the Soviet Union and most Eastern block countries).
Presentation of the coming

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**BNOC** reaches North

The Government yesterday agreement with the Occidental

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y Our Industrial Staff
State industry chairmen have ways, British Gas Corporation, at up a group to boost public ector exports. The group will ct as a committee of the

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Associate members are: British Airports Authority, British Transport Docks Board, British Waterways Board, Independent

Broadcasting Authority, London Transport, National Bus Company, National Freight Corporation, National Water Council and the United Kingdom

Atomic Energy Authority.
It is expected that the group will study collaboration at all levels from consortia projects

to training.
The feeling in Whitehall is

that many state industries have virtually untapped resources

which could be invaluable to

exports if closer collaboration could be fostered between state

industries and the private sec-

een agreed with BP, Shell, exploring in 13 countries.

**State industry chiefs form** 

group to boost exports

idiaries of Deminex-Deutsche Minister concluded.

bound to seek early clarification. They include British excajoled to win business in Iran. It is already known that many viral defence orders have been the subject of requests to settle bills in oil and exporters returning to Britain from Iran

ing problems.

Britain is a big supplier of non-defence items, including machinery, steel, pharmaceutical goods and transport equipment (including Chrysler UK ment (including Chrysler UK cars in kit form for local assembly).

Whether Mr Dell can salvage both existing export orders and expected contracts without taking huge quantities of more
expensive oil (Iran is already
a big supplier to the United
Kingdom) seems doubtful, Government pressure has already been brought to bear on oil companies, like Shell and BP, to protect certain defence contracts by accepting oil above normal needs.

To date Iran has provided only \$300m of the \$1,000m low interest loan it promised to Britain, The question now is whether Mr Dell can negotiate the second and third instalments when the budget minister's statement on external aid indirectly dismisses the possi-

### Fresh plan at Canvey

Occidental Petroleum is revising its plans for a 120,000 barrels a day oil refinery at Canvey Island and is holding talks with three potential part-ners in the \$410m (about

Dr Mabon said that an exchange of letters had taken man and chief executive of Occidental, said yesterday two other American companies, Ash-Dr J. Dickson Mabon, Minis- place between the Government, er of State for Energy, said BNOC and the two Deminex land Oil and Murphy Oil, were involved in the negotiations. Elf, the French state-owned company, also had an option to "The parties are agreed that ive the British National Oil BNOC should have the right to orporation the right to take at take at market price up to 51 take a one-third share.

tarket price just over half of per cent of Deminex's petro-· 'eminex's share of the Thistle learn from the Thistle area after a build up period, and that the ic. ... Deminer (UK) Exploration BNOC should have additional nd Production, and Deminex voting rights under the relevant "It is the intention of the

issen, between them hold 42.5 parties to conclude a full legal finery at Canvey have under-gone considerable changes since er cent of block 211/18 which agreement as soon as practicncludes the Thistle Field. able."

The Deminex deal is the latest Deminex is a state-supported it was conceived in the early 1970s to process oil from the n a series of participation consortium of German oil procompany's Libyan fields. Eighgreements concluded by the cessing companies engaged in teen months ago the project was shelved after \$110m had been lovernment. Agreements have exploration and production. spent, because of conditions in the refining business. een made with Gulf, Conoco, Formed in 1969, its objective is to provide Germany with access

negotiations for the Iranian Government to take a stake in the company. Had these talks been successful the refinery might have gone ahead, using

Occidental's latest plans for Canvey come when there is considerable overcapacity at exist-ing refineries in Britain and most other parts of the world. Dr Hammer said the refinery would be technically different from earlier plans. It would have a 50,000-ton catalytic cracker

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, who undertook the inauguration ceremony jointly with Dr Hammer, said that while there was anxiety about refinery overcapacity the Government wanted to ensure there ernment wanted to ensure there available for North Sea oil.

peak capacity at the end of this year, it should be produc-ing 250,000 barrels a day.

The Times index: 152.15-1.79 The FT index: 358.6-5.0

# for refinery

£238m) project.

Dr Armand Hammer, chair-

Dr Hammer was speaking after the inauguration of the Occidental group's terminal for oil from the Piper field on the Island of Flotta in Scapa Flow, Orkney. He hoped to have

Hopes were first raised that the project would be revived when Occidental began abortive

Iranian crude.

and produce more petrol and nappha than fuel oil.

Oil from the Piper field is flowing at the rare of 60,000

Higher revenues: Mr Hammer said he expected 1977 revenues to total about \$7,000m against \$5,300m in 1975.

### **How the markets moved**

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Covernment a penny", Mr Poore has said. Hopes of saying the coopera- its range with larger-capacity tive, raised by the Government machines such, as Meriden is decision to explore other possi-

### exchange rate for the pound. It also had to be formulated Under - Secretary of the in such a way that it would treasury for monetary affairs, not set any precedent that said today that the agreement could inspire some large on the problems of the sterling foreign holder of dollars to press the Americans at some future date to adopt a similar

the driving force behind the

there was also some selling from the United States as

There was also thought to be

signs that the Bank of England

was selling pounds for dollars

in an effort to replenish its

reserves. These were in any case boosted on Monday by the drawing of the first \$1,150m

the International Monetary

Markets retreat: Both equities

and gilt-edged stocks were at first helped by the sterling

agreement. But, in both cases,

early gains were not held as the pound weakened and it

from the loan arranged with Friday.

profit taking developed.

Heavy sales reverse pound's gains

STERLING

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scheme for at least partial funding of the yast volume of current foreign dollar balances. Congressional leaders took the view that the United States could not participate at this time in any long-term loan to Britain in addition to its Secret negotiations have involvement through general arrangement to borrow to provide currencies to the IMF to finance the loan to

taken place over the past month, culminating in a quick visit to London by Mr Yeo over the weekend and the meeting in It was agreed at the outset that the United States would short- to medium-term credit to support British reserves, rather than directly assume any part of the official sterling holdings by means, for example, of directly offering dollars to sterling holders or United States Treasury notes.

Britain.

No agreement on the balances would have been possible with-The Americans also took the view that if the problem was out firm support and a large financial commitment by the to be solved then some funding arrangements for the sterling United States. The Americans wanted the agreement to avoid tion to providing the British

reserves with some means of cushioning the impact of any sudden decline in the foreign official sterling balances. Peter Norman writes from Basie: West Germany and Switzerland will once again be the two European countries bearing the major burden of the latest international support added.

European central bank sour-

ces said today that the West German Federal Bank would guarantee about 20 per cent of the \$3,000m standby credit to be arranged at the Bank for International Settlements in Basle as a safety net for the sterling balances, while it was reported from Zurich that the guarantee \$300m or 10 per tent. The sources did not name a contribution as it is hoped that other countries like Austria and

action for sterling.

Norway will join the eight nations that have already agreed to back up the BIS credit line. It would appear that the Bank of England will be able

to draw on the standby credit if the sterling balances fall from around their present level.

The financing of the standby will first of all be a concern for the BIS and the central

and medium dates finished by up to three-eighths higher. The level of trading was reported to be the best for a long time.

The equity market continued to react to the strong gains of recent weeks as profits were taken. The FT Index, 25 up at 10 am, lost ground thereafter and by the close was five points down at 358.6. Dealers said that the earlier selling was comparatively light but that it intensified in mid-afternoon as

minimum lending rate was not likely to be cut again on sterling lost ground.
This reaction comes as no surprise to most market men Early attention in the fixed-after the 100 point index rise interest market centred on the since late October. Many were longer dates and brought rises of the expecting a sharper decline and are looking for prices to demand slackened off, most continue to fall for several days prices fell back and by the close of trading "longs" were are seen as the next potentially only one-quarter ahead. Short

tinued in its efforts to restore

the internal economic well-being

Basle aid 'paves way for long-term solution' banks guaranteeing the credit line will only step in if the BIS 400 jobs. The cutbacks by the two comis unable to cover drawings on the strength of its own activi-ties. The idea that the BIS should float a bond issue to help finance the credit line has

not been incorporated into the cruel twist. final package, the sources Dr Hans Mast, the chief economist of the Credit Suisse in Zurich described the package as a very substantial gift which would have a purpose only if the British Government con-

of the United Kingdom. Production of "whites"— embossed paper which is then painted—has gone up 77 per cent, Reed believes. For this reason, the Government in London should hold to aim for further reductions in

public spending. The worst thing that could happen would be for the British Government to take the establishment of the safety net as a signal for prematurely easing the brakes on the British economy, he added. On the other hand it should permit a reduction in the present "crisis" level of British and the vinyls in price. A medium-range vinyl is usually at least 50 per cent more interest rates, providing the public sector did not over-burden the United Kingdom

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### Harrisons tries full bid Dunford reply warms for plantation 'sisters' up J & FB contest

panies managed by Harrisons & Cosmissions Crossield was thwarted, Harrisons attracted insufficient support attracted insufficient support from shareholders of Golden Hope after shareholders in the other two companies had voted in favour of it.

Essentially, the bid for Golden Hope, Pataling and London Asiatic is designed to achieve precisely the objects of The bid is to be made by

Harrison's Malaysian Estates, which had been set up in England in expectation of the original scheme going through, and will be effected by a share swap. For every 100 shares in the

Hope shareholders are being offered 155 HME shares, London Asiatic shareholders 134 March, 1978, has been increased HME shares and Pataking share holders 139 HME shares are holders 139 HME shares are recognitive. holders 128 HME shares. The takeover and subsequent

A day after a complex to Malaysia will be effective in Scheme of Arrangement for the the case of shareholders of any something positive on the re-finery before the end of the year.

Occidental's plans for a re-Some panies managed by Harrisons & Collapsed on Monday when it Crossfield was thwarted, Harri-soms has launched a full from shareholders of Golden

A main cause for the collapse was the opposition of Genting Highland, a Malaysian company. the Scheme of Arrangement, but Last night N. M. Rothschild, the stands more chance of success because it will not be so easy merchant bank acting for Gent-ing, said of the new proposal:

ing, said of the new proposal:
"It does not attract us."
Mr Frank Harper, chairman
of Golden Hope and a director
of Harrisons, said that the new
proposals were being put forward because the Scheme of
Arrangement had received the support of the vast majority of shareholders in each of the

ciser. A test run at Meriden

moped which will sell in the United Kingdom at just under

Mr Bolton said last night that

if the test run went well, and

an agreement was reached on

costings, Meriden could be assembling 10,000 to 12,000 of

the mopeds a year to meet the expected United Kingdom sales

Production of some components at Meriden could be a logical extension of the con-

tract, possibly involving export

to SDP's other plants in Austria, Spain and Greece.

Mr Bolton added: "One can

have tried to do and we would

"We had planned to make no

announcement about Meriden

assembly of the moped until

the end of the tests; but in

like to help them.

By John Breunan results due shortly. Dunford, Johnson & Firth Brown's which lost fl.1m at the pre-tax profit level last year, has fore-& Elliott, its fellow Sheffield steel maker, is steadily turning into a gentlemanly slanging match.

Mr Frank Welsh, Dunford's chairman, yesterday expressed his confidence in the group's defence having seen the "limp and confused" revised offer document sent to shareholders on Monday by J & FB.

The document, which, unusually, includes details of Dunwhich, J & FE argues, are "very onerous" and impose " a number of unusual restrictions which seriously limit Dunford's freedom of manoeuvre"—is, according to Mr Welsh, like the classic legal situation, where " if you have a weak case you abuse

the opponent's attorney".

Mr Welsh feels that share-holders will ignore this "frightfully weak" offer when they see concrete evidence of Dun-4.62p under the new proposals. ford's promised earnings Financial Editor, page 19 recovery in the first quarter

in 1976-77, a forecast about which J & FB directors have been openly sceptical. In the latest offer document.

In the latest offer document, Mr John Clay, J & FB's chairman, who forecast £11m pretax profits this year against 1975-76's £6.1m, writes that "the risk of (Dunford's) banker's requirements not being met is very high and the likelihood of a further capital reconstruction is correspond-ingly great. Dunford's financial position remains very insecure even after its £3m rights

Mr Welsh disagrees with J & FB's comment that Dunford has been "consistently over-optimistic in its forecasts", arguing that only two forecasts have been made in recent years,

of which were underestimates. Yesterday J & FB's shares closed 2p up at 49p, Dunford's rose 1p to 47p, 2p below J & FB's one for one share offer.

### Changing patterns hit wallpaper factories

ICI is to close its Oldham, i Lancashire, wallpaper factory at the end of this year, accountproduction of wallcoverings. Some 300 jobs are affected. This follows an earlier

announcement from Reed International, whose Crown subsi-diary is Britain's major wallpaper manufacturer, that production is being pared by ruther less than 10 per cent. The smallest of Crown's nine wallpaper mills, in Manchester, has been closed and this move together with cutbacks at some of the other mills is resulting in the disappearance of about

cline in the wallpaper industry in the past 10 years to which recent pressures on disposable income may well have given a

Reed believes that the overall decline in the wallcovering mar-ket may be only 3 to 4 per cent in the past five years, but with major changes as among the various types of covering. Wallpaper's share of the market is put at 30 per cent down, but the vinyl share is thought to be up by around 100 per cent.

ICPs Oldham closure will

take the company out of wallpaper production entirely, but a major sales effort is being of the wallcovering market by increasing sales of its vinyls and of a blown polyethylene film, which falls between wallpapers

expensive than a medium-range wallpaper but has a longer life on the wall. The longevity of vinyls is probably one of the factors in shrinking the wallcovering market.

Reed claims that vinyls still account for less than 20 per cent of the wallcovering mar-ket, with "whites" accounting for 30 per cent and the rest going to the papers.

The company sees two main causes for wallpaper decline-a swing in public taste to painted walls. Wallpaper is no longer the cheapest method of cover ing a wall, emulsion paint is

The main reason why the is that raw materials costs for both papers and the vinyls have gone up by some 300 per cent in five years.

There are fears in the industry that the drain on disposable ncomes will mean acceptance of a dowdy house by many people for months yet. The stagnant house market is another gloomy factor, although the frend towards home im-provement instead of moving to a new home could help sales. ICI said last night that there was some evidence that the market might now have bot-tomed out and that later this

year a slow improvement could

Derek Harris

### Austrian group may offer Meriden deal

Steyr-Daimler-Puch, the Austrian automotive group, is considering whether to offer a cooperation agreement, covering international marketing and research and development, to the troubled Meriden motor cycle cooperative.

It could lead to a rescue plan for the cooperative now that the Government has started an indepth study of ways of saving the Meriden enterprise and its 700 workforce. It could be logical, if a close

cooperation were established with the cooperative, for SDP to help the Meriden venture with development cash, although so far SDP has not considered this in detail. However, Mr Peter Bolton, managing director of Steyr-Daimler-Puch GB, said in Nottingham last night that SDP

would unquestionably have sufficient cash to give such aid. Especially if the British Government was prepared to underwrite SDP financing for the cooperative, a rescue might be out together. The Government has refused

the cooperative £1m of aid, half only admire what these resilient people at Meriden of which is needed to buy out marketing and trading assets from NVT Motorcycles. The other £500,000 is wanted for development, especially of newgeneration motor cycles to replace the aging Bonneville. It is the second half of this financing that could interest SDP. Mr Dennis Poore, NVT

chairman, has already pointed out that if his company was paid £500,000, ir would be as an aid of continuous government to help redeem preference shares. To that Although the state of continuous government to help redeem plant... extent it would not cost the

view of this week's news I feel it is only fair to put our cards on the table and authorize the cooperative to use our interests as an added argument in favour of continuation of the Meriden Although producing motocross machines more powerful than the 50cc mopeds, the group

has been considering widening

### **US** warns Japan to cut its surplus bilities for help, went higher yesterday when the Austrian group disclosed that negotia-

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Jan 11

tions to assemble a new SDP moped at Meriden were at an "advanced stage". The group is already satisfied with the production at Meriden, started last autumn, of SDP's jogger health exeris expected to start within weeks of assembly of Austrian parts of SDP's Puch Maxi of the world.

> lateral Commission—a private forum of Japanese, American and European economic and political experts, said: "To put it frankly, Japan is imposing an anjust burden on the rest of the world in running up such a large surplus in trade." The Trilateral Commission,

Japanese business leaders were given an unofficial but firm warning today that econo-mic advisers to Mr Jimmy Carter, president-elect, will expect Japan to reduce drastically its overwhelming surplus in trade and services with the rest

This was said in Tokyo to-night by Professor Richard Cooper, of Yale University, who is expected to be named later this month as Mr Carter's Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. Professor Cooper, giving his

personal views at the end of the seventh meeting of the Tri-

sponsored by Mr David Rockefeller, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, to encourage better communications between the free world's three major economic powers, held its sev-enth round of discussions in Tokyo during the past three days to establish, in theoretical and unofficial terms, how the three industrialized nations could expand their economies to pull the world out of a recession.

Japan's controversial trade surplus with the European Economic Community was included on the agenda during a seminar today. In general terms, delegates supported a policy of continued free trade, in spite of the pressures for protectionist policies.

### International Timber

Corporation Interim Report for half year to 30th September 1976

Turnover for the six months has advanced, brought about by higher prices due largely to the reduced value of sterling, and by increased deliveries to our customers. Our Belgian investment has continued to show a loss but encouraging profits in Holland mean that our European Division as a whole is now supporting the much improved U.K. results.

It is probable that activity in the first quarter of 1977 will be at a lower level. Interest charges will be higher. Accordingly profits for the second half year are unlikely to equal those of the first, although October and November gave a good stars to the period.

Your Board has decided to pay an interim dividend of 2.5p for each Ordinary Stock Unit (1976 2.25p) and it is anticipated that the final dividend will be increased to the maximum permitted under current. regulations. The interim dividend will be paid on April 7th, 1977 to Stockholders on the Share Register on March 4th, 1977.

### **Group Results**

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Profit for the Period	5,191	1,693	3.893
Interest—including Loan Stock £227,000 (1975 — £239,000)	1,639	1,525	2,987
Profit before Taxation	3,552	168.	906
Group Profit after Taxation	. 1,752	58	407
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### Japanese plea over backlog orders delays shipbuilding talks

Industrial Correspondent

Europe and Japan remained poles apart over measures to deal with the world shipbuildof talks here today held under the aegis of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

The two sides are separated the two sides are separated by fundamental differences and there is little prospect of the impasse being resolved. The EEC, however, managed to secure the formal and valuable secure the formal and valuable support of the Spanish, Nor-wegian and Finnish govern-ments to its proposal, made last month, for a 50:50 sharing of the world marker in new ships. Japan has consistently ex-pressed strong opposition to the EEC plan and it was underined yer again at today's meet-

Pressure is now building up in Europe for the deployment of defensive measures against Japan, which last year mopped un 13 million gross tons of orders for sophisticated merchant ship tonnage at Europe's expense. The crunch with Japan could well come next month.

Over the next three weeks there is to be an intensive round of meetings involving Community officials, govern-ment representatives and ship-building industry leaders from all European countries in a bid to hammer out a coordinated growth of Japan's share of what will be a dwindling market. During today's meeting of the OECD's working party on ship-building, however, the Japanese scored a tactical point by successfully proposing that there should be a more detailed and more regular monitoring of the size of both European and Japanese order backlogs. The Japanese, therefore, have suc-cessfully delayed discussions,

### November beer revival cheers the breweries

A revival in beer production in November makes more cheerful news for the Brewers' Society who were earlier forecasting a 1 per cent drop in last year's total output. In November, output was 3,406,835 bulk barrels, a 1.51

In the 11 months to the end of November production totalled 36,105,811 bulk barrels, a rise of 0.49 per cent over the 1975 period. A long, hot summer benefited output. How-ever, in November there were two more brewing days com-pared with 1975. December's figure will be correspondingly

claiming that the EEC planbased solely on new orders—
was unrealistic, and a clear
picture of the overall situation
could only be obtained by improved information on the state
of order books revised every

three months.
On the evidence at present available these are likely to show that Japan has less work snow that Japan has less work in hand than yards in Europe. At the end of September last year, Japanese yards are estimated to have held the equivalent of 1.13 years' work against the 193 years' held by member countries of the Association of West European Shiphuilders. Europe counters the Japan-Europe counters the Japan

ese plan, however, on the ground that these are misleading figures, since Europe's traditional dependence on more sophisticated types of ships taking longer to build explains

the discrepancy.
But Japan's bid to delay the next meeting of the working party until after February 20 when new figures covering both new orders and the workload could be presented was frustrated by European dele-gates who insisted that the next meeting should take place on

February 8-9.
Little else appears to have been achieved apart from an agreement to disagree over the EEC's plan for market sharing and some discussion of technical and statistical questions. However, at next mouth's meeting a Japanese Government delegation is expected formally to reject the EEC package as unworkable and against the principles of free trade.

After today's meeting, Mr Shinichi Yanzi, head of the Japanese delegation to the OECD, said: "We are against any kind of market-sharing, but at the same time our Govern-ment has no intention of increasing its share of the world market."

### Oil payments widen Italy's trade deficit

Rome, Jan 11.—Italy's trade effect widened to 619,000m lire (about £408m) in November the Government Statistics Burlt compared with a gap of 320,000m lire in October and one of 201,000m in November 1975.

The November gap brought the trade deficit for the first 11 months of 1976 to 4,751,000m lire, compared with a deficit of 1.773,000m in the same period

last year. The November deficit was due to a 667,000m lire gap in petroleum trade, in small part offset by a surplus on the non-oil account of 48,000m kre.

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### In brief

### House price rises slowed to 1pc in last quarter

A survey by the Nationwide Building Society shows that during 1976 house prices in-creased on average by about 8 per cent-little more than half the general level of price rises. In the last quarter of 1976, house price rises had slowed to a national average of only 1 per

But, said Mr Leonard Willtiams, the society's chief general manager, the relatively slow in-crease in house prices was help-ing buyers and most properties represented good value at their present prices.

#### November sales higher than forecast

The British retail sales volume index for November was 109.3, up 1.9 per cent from a month earlier, and up 3.9 per cent from a year earlier, the Department of Industry said yesterday. The department said the November retail sales suggest a recovery in trade from the fall in retail volume in October.

#### Life assurance premiums rise 18pc

New yearly premiums for life assurance and annuncies in-creased by 18 per cent to £987m in 1976, according to the Life Offices Association

The association's figures for last year show that single premium policies paid for in the year rose by 83 per cent, from £219m to £401m, reflecting a revival in the linked bond market. New sums assured rose by 17 per cent from £28,800m to £33,600m in the year and annuities increased by 22 per cent to £1,200m a year.

#### Record sales of De Beers diamonds

Diamond sales reached a record in 1976, earning the Central Selling Organization, the marketing arm of De Beers with a near world-wide mono-poly of rough diamonds, \$1,555m (about £909m).

In dollar terms, sales in-creased by 46 per cent while in rand terms the increase was 70 per cent on the previous year. The dollar sales were 17 per cent ahead of the previous record achieved in 1973.

### Hotel bookings up

London hotels, whose book-ings are usually at the lowest level in January, are up by at least 50 per cent. Reason given the unusually large number of Courinental visitors attending the Boat Show and on

### Leyland hangs on to market lead in face of challenge by Ford

By Ronald Emler further Leyland's market share. Ford's Escort and Cortina ranges topped the league of most popular cars in Britain market and, with the Leyland model taking on an increasing to the group took 25,25 per cent of total United Kingdom sales during the year.

sales during the year.

British Leyland topped the market with 27.4 per cent of sales. Its top selling model was the aging Mini, with just over

Leyland, which saw its market share decline from more than 30 per cent in 1975, will be anxiously watching sales returns over the next few months, as it is possible that Ford will replace it as leading manufacturer in sales terms.

Now that Ford is introducing the Fiesta next month it is certain that Escort sales will later this month between the

Marina take over as its most popular model range.

Japanese cars last year took

9.4 per cent of the total mar-ket, a rise of 0.4 per cent. While that increase may seem no more than marginal, British

certain that Escort sales will later this month between fall as a result, but it is widely British and Japanese industrespected that Escort/Fiesta about orderly marketing sales combined will erode still Japanese cars this year. later this month between the British and Japanese industries

### Hope of peace formula in Rubery Owen strike

After six hours of talks in Birmingham, officials of the main unions at Rubery Owen's Darlaston, Staffordshire, motor component plant agreed that future disputes would be dealt with in the official procedure of the engineering industry. But they admitted at a conference later that they had still to "sell" the deal to their 1,800 members at the factory.

Mr Moss Evans, national organizer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said arrangements would be made as soon as possible to hold a mass meeting to do this. old a mass meeting to do this. change its car delivery arrange.

Mr John Owen, managing ments at the Rover plant.

"Encouraging progress has been made but there is still a long way to go before we can overcome the crisis facing the Rover drivers strike: All move-ment of completed cars out of

Coventry has been halted by a strike of drivers employed by Birmingham car delivery сотрапу. The drivers, who work for James Car Deliveries, stopped work on Monday in protest against moves by Leyland to

### £10m military radio order for Philips offshoot

An order worth more than £10m for Clausman military radio equipment for an unspeci fied overseas government has been announced by MEL Equip-ment, of Crawley, Sussex, a member of the Philips electronics group.

The company says that it has

now sold Clansman systems to military customers in Africa, South America and the Middle East, as well as supplying the British Army. MEL declined to identify the £10m-plus customer, but it is believed to be an

African country.
This brings the total of Clansman export orders to more than £20m, the company states.

### Agricultural **Export Council** closure fears

Closure of the British Agricultural Export Council was inevitable unless the Government and industry committed money to it, Lord Glenkinglas, chairman of the council, said yesterday. Meanwhile, British agriculture was losing export business worth thousands of millions of pounds because it had failed to spend as much on promotion as other countries.

Lord Glenkinglas told reporters that West Germany had sent two representatives to 28 agricultural shows in Latin America last year. "The best we have been able to do is to send one chap to one show every six months, and that

"If you go to Brazil you meet 20 Japanese in a little row. They are not doing it for fun: they are getting the business."

The council needed to know about its future by the end of recommendations of the Strutt report about farm exports from Britain, published in May last year, had not been acted upon.

### crease in output and profit over the previous year. If the tar-gets were met then that per-Interfirm techniques and accounting procedures

From Mr L. Taylor Harringon Sir, A number of firms which participate in interfirm com-parisons organized by this centre have asked us to what British Leyland's Rover plant at extent imerfirm comparison techniques will be affected by the introduction in company accounting procedures of the methods proposed by the Accounting Standards Commit-

> As many of your readers may be interested in this question, I thought I would write briefly to outline the situation.

(1) We do not intend to make decisions on possible make decisions on possible alterations in performance methods used in our work before discussion of the propo-sals has been completed and a statement of Standard Accounting Practice has been issued. The present proposals are not due to take effect, even for the

largest companies, before accounting periods beginning
July 1, 1978.

(2) In some respects, the
ED18 methods are already
used in our IFC work. For instance, companies taking part have for 18 years been revaluing plant and machinery on a current replacement cost basis, using industry price indices, and depreciation as a charge against profits has been based on the revalued figure. We would not envisage changing these methods fundamentally if ED18 becomes a standard.

(3) There is at least one area where ED18 would impinge on IFC techniques, namely the proposal to value IFC, historic costs for stocks existing company scheme. nave usually been used. If on. It was worried that the ED18 comes into operation, we shall consider adopting, at the appropriate point in time, the method.

continue to use the many other measurement methods which in themselves are not concerned with inflation but are necessary to ensure comparability of performance data (especially ratios). For example, we commonly impute "ownership" of land and buildings to companies in the operating account, whether or not they are actually owned, and eliminate rental/leasing charges; the "sales" figure is very carefully defined and may well differ from the figures in com-

panies ordinary accounts; and the treatment of many other items (including of course all individual items of cost) has to be put on a common basis if the performance data are to be comparable and meaningful. Yours, etc.

L. TAYLOR HARRINGTON, Director, The Centre for Interfirm Comparison, 8 Stockwell Street,

Colchester, Essex, CO1 1HN.

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# Wanted: a system of merit award embodying tax relief to industry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

centage figure, or greater amount by which output and profit had risen over the pre-vious year would be averaged and the average percentage thus obtained applied as a re-Sir, If the country is to shift its material and human resources into manufacturing industry, we must accept that the material rewards must go to that sector. There must be duction in corporation tax for the company, and income tax an end of fairness and the Government must accept that tax to all those who worked in the company at whatever position benefits and incentives are biased in favour of manufac-turing industry, and those who work and invest in it. —whether chairman or floor sweeper. The percentage relief would be the same, but the amount rebated would vary in proportion to the individuals tax commitment. I link increased output and profit as neither alone can fulfil the I should like to see a nev scheme on similar lines to the Queen's Award for Industry, but different, in that the reward would be tax relief for the company and its employees with the removal of dividend control from its shareholders. It should national need.

Such a measure, coupled with the cessation of dividend control for such companies not be difficult to devise a scheme whereby all those comwould provide a powerful in-ducement to those in manufacpanies who agree with their employees to improve efficiency turing industry and its investors and thus profitability agree a target figure with Government as well as pointing clearly to students the obvious advantage ioining each year for a percentage in-

manufacturing industry. The scheme may be unfair to those on fixed incomes, in

public service, and in ser-industries, but if it achie a great increase in manu tured goods, increased our ports and closed the payar gap then more resources we be available for all. Unless some such differer

I doubt whether all the period effect the shift in human material resources. materialistic philosophy, that is what manufacturing all about—material things their manufacture. Those do not want to cope with organization of men and m rials are quite right to s their fulfilment in service others. But let those of us are prepared to produce goods receive the reward of materialistic employment. Yours, erc, B. E. COTTON,

Chairman, Samuel Osborn & Co Ltd, Nether Lane. Ecclesfield, Sheffield, S30 3TR.

### Myths in 'soft option' theory

From Mr Geoffrey Drain Sir, I see that Mr J. P. Pcs (January 5) has succumber some hoary old myths in as ing that the "soft-option" public sector employment attracting the best brains a from industry.

First, the figures he que show that more graduates into industry than the pu sector and that the share graduates going into pu employment is stable (tho likely to decline given the sent cuts in expenditure).

Secondly, public see workers would strongly rediate any suggestion that it work is a "soft-option". local government, my memiare struggling to keep versions. services going at a time w 50,000 unfilled posts in to halls up and down the cour are adding intolerable burd to their labours. Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY DRAIN. General Secretary, National and Local Governm

### Automatic inclusion in pension pla

Sir, As I understand the 1975 Social Security Pensions Act, there is no question of contracting in as expressed by the four chairmen of various profes-sional bodies in their letter published on December 22 but only of contracting out of the state scheme, and I agree that if the procedures are not comstocks at current costs, and pleted in time people will be make the consequent adjustment to the profit figures. In state scheme, in addition to any

interesting consequence would be an automatic breach of any pay code which prohibits improvement of company schemes beyond that required to provide the guaranteed pen-

sion of the state scheme, cause we would benefit from wholly additional scheme. With that precedent, and w the help of Stan Orme a Albert Booth, the next pay cc should permit the improveme of company schemes by amount equivalent to the tot value of the state scheme, how ever expressed, in either hen fits or earlier retirement, et Incidentally can I advise a trade unionists to obtain th excellent TUC guide to contrac

Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY A. WOOD, 7 Wolferton Road Bristol BS7 9BB.

Business appointments

### London and Manchester picks chairman-elect

ter Assurance, is to be made a deputy chairman with the intention that he becomes chairman upon the retirement of Mr Lewis Whyte next year. Lord Wakehurst continues as a deputy chairman. Mr Ron Weedon has been made managing director of British Relay

Wireless and Television.

M. H. Caine and Mr. W. Wildy, directors of McConnell, have been directors of Kinloch (Pro-Merchants).

Mr R. E. T. Nichols has become a director and chairman of Bank Bridge Group.

Metallurgical.

Mr Cyril Gallimore, managing director of Ideal-Standard in the United Kingdom, has been made a vice-president of Ideal-Standard Europe. Mr Colin Wise and Mr

Norman Bennett have become joint managing directors to succeed Mr Gallimore in the United Kingdom. Mr Wise continues as Kingdom. Mr Wise continues as financial director and Mr Bennett as commercial director. Mr J. M. Smith joins the board

Mr K. Jones becomes chief executive and managing director of Metallgesellschaft.

Mr Donald Crimmings has been

EMI (Australia). Mr Jol Kuipers continues as chairman. Mr Tom James has succeeded Mr Nicholas Moss as chairman of William Moss and Sons. Mr Moss

Mr G. B. Brown and Mr P. R. S. Thomas have joined the board of Unisec Group. Mr A. N. G. Dalton, deptity chairman of English China Clays, has been made a director of National Westminster Eark's

National Westminster Bank's south-west regional board. Mr J. G. Parkes, chairman, Unilever Merseyside Committee, becomes a director of the bank's north regional board.

Mr Keith Bridger has become an additional director of E. an additional director of C. E. Heath (North America) and has resigned as a director of C. E. Heath (North American Reinsurance Broking).



Mr Rawlings.

Mr David Rawlings has joined the board of Trafalgar Watch. Mr A. Lloyd and Mr P. Richards have been elected directors of Greenstock, Ridd (Life & Pen-sions) Consultants.

Mr Roland A. Kielland has been made executive vice-president, Kaiser Steel Corporation. Dr V. M. Wadsworth has been appointed executive vice-chairman of Eibar Industrial. Mr K Williams becomes group manag-

Mr Sidney Armstrong has become chairman and Mr Derek Broadley managing director of Dazwins Alloy Castings and Darwins Magnets International.

Mr Jack Steer has been mad president of the Association o Butter Blenders and Butter an Mr F. H. Bailey has been appointed to the board (Clayton, Son (Hidgs).

Mr John Lawrenson has bee made managing director of Built ing Law Reports. Mr Tom Morris-Jones is to jo ue partnership of Albert

Mr D. E. Whittingham habeen made managing director and chief executive of Emmia Insurant (UK) to succeed Mr W. S. Het derson, who remains on the boar as non-executive chairman. Mr Philip E. Beekman is joining the Seagram Company as president and a director as well a chairman of the operating committee and member of the executive committee.

Mr William C. Pierce has bee appointed head of Chemic blank's perroleum and minera division and a senior vice president.

Mr R. M. Carroll is joining director. Mr John Cullis has joined the board of Francis Schuster as a executive director.



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# INSON Interim Report 1976-77

Extracts from the Interim Statement by the Chairman Mr Francis Perkins.

The profit for the half year to 30th September 1976 was £2,550,000 showing an increase of 26% over the same period in the previous year. The increase in Group turnover during this period was 30%. Insurance Broking turnover amounted to £8,139,000 of which 58% was received in foreign currencies.

The principal factor leading to this increase has been the outstanding results in our international operations. However, until confidence is again restored to British industry the other parts of the Group cannot be expected to achieve a similar rate of progress to our international operations. Nevertheless, their results to date are in line with forecasts.

In July we purchased Grace Brothers' travel interests in the United Kingdom. This is proving a valuable acquisition and is being smoothly merged into

Although our industry—as with all service industries—is vulnerable to the erosive effects of inflation, I am confident the Group will have another

An interim dividend of 3.25p per ordinary share will be paid on the share capital including the rights issue last August. This is equivalent to 5.00p per share gross and compares with 3.00p per share declared last year.

The consolidated trading results (unaudited) were as follows:

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\*Before texation and minority interests Without adjustment for Rights Issue

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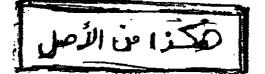
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## The interest

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# rate dilemma



of Hogg Robinson: profits growth below market expecta-

three companies are being asked to take on trust that the ultimate outcome will be similar Scheme of Arrangement.

Unless Genting can somehow undermine the new proposals it will either have to throw in the towel or remain a substantial minority shareholder in Golden mope in the new plan. While the latter would provide Genting with some potential nuis-ance value, £9m is a lot to pay for the privilege.

Johnson-Richards Paying the penalty

Johnson-Richards's misfortune in making too much profit in the first half of last year has continued to dog its perform-ance in the first half of this: for with margins held down to compensate for the fact that the United Kingdom subsidiaries exceeded their reference level a year ago, it was not until August that the group obtained a respectable price rise to com-pensate for rising costs. So, although the United King-

dom subsidiaries have been operating at maximum capacity, and first-half volume was some 10 per cent up on the corre-sponding period, United King-dom profits are sharply down: how far may be judged from the fact that profits overall have declined by over £600,000 despite a 10 per cent increase in the (relatively small) profits of overseas subsidiaries and an improvement in the contribution from associates, no longer be-devilled by the Indian strike of the first half of last year, from

£29,000 to £239,000. Having now paid the price for its past errors of judgment, however, Johnson-Richards appears to be set for a good second half, since demand for its ceramic tiles is still running at a high level both at home (where sale through an increasing number of outlets and div demand appear to have compensated for the housebuilding

slump) and abroad. The United States subsidiary is still making losses: but they have been declining, and its deficit should be the best part of £500,000 lower at the end of this year than at the end of last. Meanwhile, profits at home (which accounts for around half of all sales) will compare with those achieved in a period when margins were already under should be able to achieve something over £3.5m pre-tax for the

On that performance the shares, down in to 148p yester-day, are selling at under six times prospective earnings. Given that demand shows no

signs of flagging, this is a modest rating: and there is nothing to detract from the shares' attractions in a prospec-tive yield of 6.6 per cent. Pre-tax profits £1.78m (£2.39m) Dividend gross 3.98p (3.62p)

### International Timber Peak of

the cycle

International Timber's £3.55m interim profits are nearly four times those for the whole of the previous financial year and heavily underline the strong recovery pattern already dis-played by others in the sector during 1976. But stock profits on the back of sharply higher timber prices—particularly in softwoods—as sterling fell have there is little doubt that the industry has now passed its cyclical peak.

Like its competitors IT has

een a significant tapering off in demand since the last year overdrafts, to around £20m, to finance higher stocks will result

in interest charges rising sharply from the £1.6m re-corded in the first half. Looking further abead to the next financial year (to March, 1978), prospects still look grim with lower demand and the virtual elimination of stock pro-fits as prices flatten out. However, interest charges could be falling sharply, and hopes of a construction revival should ensure that pessimism in the sector is not unduly

severe.

Meanwhile IT has at last broken even on its European operations.

The group seems unlikely to achieve much more than £6m for the full year and the shares. down 1p to 74p yesterday, are on a prospective p/e of 31, only fractionally below the sector average. Meanwhile, the prospective yield of 12.9 per cent is not extraordinary and, given IT's tendency to over-amplify the movements in the timber cycle, comperitors like Montague Meyer or Mallinson might offer safer investment opportunities within the sector at this stage. Interim: 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £10.2m Sales £69m (£51m) Pre-tax profits £3.55m (£169.000) Dividend gross 3.85p (3.46p)

Hogg Robinson

As the pound Insurance broking shares have

enjoyed a nine-month honeymoon with the stock market, the continued fall in sterling assistthan half of its profits overseas. The recent revival in sterling has, consequently, sparked a reaction among broking shares and Hogg Robinson, further hampered by a number of overenthusiastic external estimates of its profits this year, slumped on to 130p yesterday on news of half-year pre-tax profits of £2.55m. With 58 per cent of its turnover overseas, Hogg is not however, the strongest foreign earner in the sector. This factor weighed against it last year. b it could act as a stabilizi influence on the share price the floating pound learns

Hogg's dividend, above the sector average with a prospetive 6.5 per cent on the ba of forecasts made at the tit of its rights issue last Augu provides adequate support this level. Interim: 1976-77 (1975-76)

Capitalization £29.2m — Turnover £10.6m (£8.1m) Pre-tax profits £2.55m (£2.02m Dividend gross 5p (3p).

The scheme agreed in Basle and announced on Monday to deal with the problems of Britain's sterling balances has still some rough edges which need to be smoothed off, but it is clear enough that the world's monetary authorities have learnt to avoid the mistakes of the past. Whether through the use of

the special stand-by credit arranged with the Bank for International Settlements or whether through the sale of dollar and other foreign currency bonds, the British Government is now clearly committed to ending sterling's role as a reserve currency in the world.

The importance of the sterling balance problem is often overstated, since the amounts of money involved are not enormous and few countries are so heavily committed to sterling now that worrying about the pound is one of their most important priorities.

It is even easier to fool our-selves into thinking that sterling balances are something which were forced on us long ago by our imperial role, and that this generation has had to deal with an inherited prob-

As the table shows, most of the difficulties and the benefits from sterling balances in recent years have come from the rapid inflow of oil funds which began at the end of 1973 and which were welcomed as a way of tiding us over an acute cur-rent account deficit.

But these qualifications apart, the agreement in Basle could mark a settlement of lastng importance. It is the final step in a series of measures, of which the other most important one was the loan from the International Monetary Fund, which are designed to mark the end of years of chronic balance of payments deficits and weak currency.
With the uncertainties caused

by capital movements out of the way, the picture looks rosier in any case and the prospect of North Sea oil's bringing a current account surplus by next year comes into sharper focus. In some ways the most en-couraging part of the deal is that it is clearly designed not to stabilize the sterling balances but to get rid of them. Although the authorities are determined to do nothing which might be interpreted as putting pressure

on foreign holders to, for example, buy the new government bonds, the real success of the two-part scheme adopted will not be that it may never be necessary to bring it into effect but that it does provide a way

ments over the past 30 years, though one which in the past they have never really wanted to get rid of. When sterling balances were building up in the past, govern-

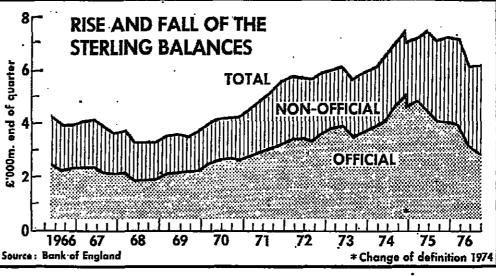
nents have tended to encourage it, looking on it as a sign of how highly their policies were regarded. When the balances have gone down they have called "foul".

The sterling balances in their present form date from the

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1973	Q3	3,494	719
		3,689	959
1974	Q1	3.957	1,282
	Q2	4,155	- 1,868
	Q3	4,721	2,763
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## As the sun sets on the sterling balances . . .



Second World War. One of the recurrent crisis for the pound ways in which Britain's participation in that conflict was fin-anced was to encourage the building up of deposits in Lon-don by the dominions and

The most important holder was India, which became independent shortly after the war and which ran down its holdings during the 1950s. This rundown, however, did not cause anything like the problem which anything like the problem which had been expected when the new world monetary order was set up in 1944, partly because by the 'fifties the United Kingdom's balance of payments crisis had eased and partly because, as the war-time holders sterling ran their balances down, so other colonies built

The official British attitude at this time was not to look upon sterling balances as a necessary part of sterling's role as a reserve currency. Although some outside observers, most notably the French, were strongly critical of this, their attitude was attributed to a mixture of jealousy and lack of understanding.

The fact that much of the world's trade was denominated in sterling provided some pschological compensation for the fact that the amount of it accounted for by British exports was falling rapidly, while having access to the resources of the sterling area as a whole was thought to make the United Kingdom's payments problem easier to handle.

Also, sterling's reserve currency role was given much of the credit for London's reemergence as a financial centre. Many of these reasons may have been wrong, but it is doubtful whether a country whose export performance was In doing so, it will get rid United Kingdom's could nave of what has been a source of afforded to pay off an external debt of about £3,000m during the fifties.

> mained fairly stable, so did the toral of the sterling balances. Indeed, a desire to ensure that sterling holders did not feel cheated is generally thought to have been one of the main motives behind the authorities' determination to keep a fixed value for the pound during the fifties and early sixties, even at the price of holding down growth in the British economy. Some of the most perceptive critics during the sixties argued

that it was the tying of British policy to that sort of tight money strategy which was the real damage done by the sterling balances. Instead of being a force likely to stimulate a devaluation, they helped to make it less likely to make it less likely.

That is not how it appeared

to makers of government policy during the latter part of that decade and it seems likely that the scars of the last desperate battle to protect the pound's parity, which occurred during the time that Mr James Callaghan was Chancellor, must have had a great impact on thinking during the past few months about the sterling balances' role. These years were ones of

cannot wait for Jimmy Carter

to take over at the White

Carter, it will be recalled,

pledged tax cuts and the crea-

tion of a new Energy Depart-

ment. President Ford now

seems so keen on these ideas

that he has decided to help his

successor by proposing them

himself just before leaving

package of tax cuts and yester-

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is likely to propose.

and yet between 1962 and the end of 1978, the total value of sterling balances actually in-creased sharply, from £3,860m

During this period there were two Basle agreements designed to deal with the problem of the balances and they both led to a sharp increase in sterling funds in London, which made

### David Blake discusses the significance of the agreement reached in Basle

Kingdom less pressing but which stored up trouble for future years.

The first agreement we introduced in the summer o caused a run on the pount Almost all kinds of sterlin The reassurance this arrange-

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other problems of the United

1966, at a time when poo balance of payments figure: and the seamen's strike ha balances were falling and th central bankers agreed on safety net scheme under which the United Kingdom could draw from a fund if its reserves fel because of a drop in sterlin; ment provided neiped to stabilize the pound, but it certainly provided no phased programme for getting rid of the sterling balances. During the first half of 1967 the balances rose, before falling sharply in the months before the Novem-

Just how great a role a run-down of sterling balances played in that devaluation is open to argument Most com-mentators would now agree that the devaluation was both inevitable and overdue and that the run-down which occurred in the months between June and November was of limited importance and surprisingly late.

The balances of the sterling area countries, which at that time accounted for the bulk of the sterling balances, remained remarkably stable: their turn was to come later. The run on the pound in 1967 consisted almost entirely of a drop in non-sterling area holdings, which fell by £350m, of which £250m was accounted for by private holdings in western Europe and the United States.

It was in the uncertain period fter devaluation but before the current account had begun to mprove that the sterling area ountries began their move out if London and provoked the ext arrangement to prop up he United Kingdom. Sterling ountries suffered heavily in he 1967 devaluation, since they eld something like 70 per cent f their reserves in pounds (it ad been 85 per cent). Having been burnt once, ommonwealth countries did

iot want to get caught again at time when many experts were forecasting a further devalua-

heavily, so that by September, 1968, the proportion of their reserves in sterling had fallen

to 53 per cent. This drop was entirely accounted for by a run-down of official holdings; private ster-ling area balances remained almost stationary. Nonetheless, the fall was worrying enough for a new Basle support system to be agreed in September, 1968, a system which ensured that the problem would grow dramatically worse.

This second Basle facility had two parts. The central banks of other countries agreed to provide a \$2,000m facility to top up reserves of the United Kingdom whenever these were depleted by a run-down in the level of the balances.

That on its own made sense, but it was coupled with a scheme designed not to phase out the balances but to main-tain them. Holders in sterling area countries were offered a guarantee of compensation against a drop in the pound's parity. This guarantee protected a country's entire offi-cially held sterling reserves with the exception of an amount equivalent to 10 per cent of that

country's total reserves. Even worse, the sterling area countries were asked in return for this to pledge themselves to keep a minimum proportion of their reserves in sterling, which meant that if their total reserves went up so would the total of their sterling balances. This duly happened in the early seventies when sterling area countries ran large balance of payments surpluses.

Although the required proportion was reduced when the scheme was renewed in 1971, it was not until 1973 that the rules were changed to stop a country being required to go on raising its sterling balances as its total reserves rose if it wanted to hold on to the guarantee.

In one sense that Basic agreement was a success. Little of the \$2,000m needed to be used -the largest drawing, of \$600m, was repaid to the Bank for International Settlements within a year-and only about £60m was ever paid out in compen-But the fact that the central

bank scheme to end the prob lem of sterling balances be came converted into a system for using them to encourage funds to flow into London makes the form chosen look very unfortunate in retrospect. The new scheme seems not likely to be open to the same

### Patricia Tisdall

### Why the holiday tour groups fear a price war

The rest of the inclusive holiday trade has reacted rigorously activities of the market leaders, Thom: , Holidays and the state-owned a itish Airway: There has be no a rush of new no-surcharge "schemes fro smaller computates like Blu Sky, Swans, Tristar and Acrosmith following Thomson's e ample. The schemes provide

degree of protection again currency fluctuations. Other companies, such a Thomas Cook, which until no have offered limited n surcharge protection, have fo lowed the example of Britis. Airways in extending it.

So far, however, no one har followed British Airways' other lead in cutting prices, although there was talk of some refundyesterday as a result of the strengthening of the sterling exchange rate earlier in the weak Of course, companies which have no-surcharge schemes are not bound to give refunds.

The trade professes some astonishment not only at the size of the British Airways dis-counts—reductions of between and 13 per cent, cutting up to £30-off holiday costs—but also at their timing. Previous cur-price offers, such as I homson's Best Buys of the Month, were offered late in the season to fill empty seats. To afford discounts this early,

rival tour operators say sourly, British Airways must have overpriced its holiday programmes in the first place.

There was a similar reaction.

from the trade a year and a half ago when British Airways launched the first of the nosurcharge schemes. But the circumstances surrounding pricecurring are different and it is unlikely to win the same following.

### Early bookings

intended to counter the present low level of advance holiday bookings, down by somewhere between 25 and 50 per cent (depending on area and price bracket), compared with the same period last year. Tour operators need to know their summer bookings very early in the year in order to make their hotel and aircraft allocations and to plan their cash flows. To win early bookings the are prepared to gamble on sterling's future performance by holding to brochure prices

drawn up a year in advance. However, memories of the hysterical "winter weekend" price war of six years or so ago. when margins were pruned to vanishing point, inhibit any similar moves now. British Airways, which only during the past four years has seriously developed its package holiday trade, evidently has no such

The established operators, with the warning of the collapse of Clarksons Holidays and where still vivid, are keenly ware of the importance of claimed costing. According to the Civil Aviation Authorities are collectively moved into the collective collectively moved into the collective collectin collective collective collective collective collective collecti ars collectively moved into the lack in 1975 after at least three iss-making years and are lought to have stayed there

1 1976, despite a smaller umber of holidaymakers. Thi as because prices were moran adequate to cover cost. The fear is that panic price string could tip the carefully alanced profit scales.

The other tour operators are severtheless alive to the attrac iveness of lower holiday prices. he more so since Cosmos (Swiss-owned and based in Liechtenstein) appears this year to have won substantial trade from firmly British-based operators like Thomson and British Airways through the lower-priced packages it offers.

Even before the British Airways move Thomson had pre-pared to cater for holidaymakers wanting to economize but it was by drawing up special economy programmes rather than cutting existing prices. One of the more ingenious schemes introduced under the "Square Deal" name offers reductions to holidaymakers prepared to leave the choice of

hotel at a given resort (out of an illustrated and named selection) to the tour operator. Both Thomson and Cosmos

have reserved the option to offer discounts for holidays booked within a mouth of departure and, if bookings do not pick up soon, they and other tour operators are likely to take the option up. But a price war on the scale forecast by some observers and as seen in the lete 1960s, during the heyday of the package tour, is unlikely to be repeated. Tour operators want, for

instance, to wait and see how costs perform without surcharges. Introduced after the 1973 oil crisis these are a fairly recent entrant to the package holiday mix and the more responsible operators feel guilty about the way in which they were implemented. Some companies collected late

surcharges at the airports. Others were accused of quoting unrealistically low brochure prices, secure in the knowledge that they could raise them ater. Most tour operators have:

agreed for some time that sur charges should be abolished. but doing this may not prove easy. Package holiday prices are made up of three main components—the cost of the hotel. which for an average short-haul 14-night holiday, costing about £175, would amount to about 55 per cent; the air fare, which on such a holiday would account for about 25 per cent; and the tour operator's costs

The rates charged for airraft sears are heavily influ-nced by oil prices, particularly or the longer haul destinations, and are negotiated in dollars. 'rices here will fluctuate not only with the exchange rate etween the United States dolar and sterling, but also according to oil prices.

To protect themselves against currency fluctuations both Thomson and Cosmos bought currency forward, a facility not available to some of the smaller tour operators. Neither comptransactions, partly because of their complexity.

In October Mr Wilfred Jones, chairman of Cosmos, said he liad made a "forward commitment" to the tune of £25m for the purchase of foreign cur rency and that this had been possible because the company was Swiss-owned.

### Other 'extras'

Mr John Sauvage, managing director of Thomson Holidays, explained that his company's guarantee had been secured by buying an unspecified amount of foreign currency in advance to cover hotel contracts. It had done this using an arrangement with an international finance group with connexions with its parent, The Thomson

But only hotel prices and the currency elements in air travel charges can be secured in this way. Tour operators must be prepared either to absorb oil price increases or exclude them from their guarantees.

In any case, "no surcharges" does not mean "no extras". Airport taxes, which can add £3 to £4 to brochure prices and the Government's 2 per cent levy are, for instance, levy are, for instance, automatically excluded from most brochure prices. The various guarantees differ

in the cover they offer and the small print exclusion clauses in some have already drawn unfavourable attention from the Office of Fair Trading and other consumer protection organiza-LIQUS.

The Thomas Cook guarantee, for example, operates only from the time the final invoice is issued. The Cosmos guarantee excludes large aviation fuel in-creases; "say, of 15 per cent". Other no-surcharge guarantees apply only to holidays booked before a certein date.

The worth of many of the mises can only be gaused after they have been fulfilled in what is universally acknow-ledged will be one of the most difficult years for the trade.

### kers at British Leyland's body plant at Cowley were ng yesterday that produchas improved since the ory's 450 foremen went on eyland has maintained an

arrassed silence about the

>-floor reaction to the fore-.....'s dispute, saying that layare not expected. Transport and General kers' Union shop steward, Blewitt, said that contrary the foremen's expectations luction had continued. "We eved better production res without the foremen we had with them there." ne TGWU, he said, had the maintained that the

a could run the job if n the chance. Now events have given us chance to prove our point. ight shift workers also eved better than usual proon and some of them te foremen are on strike what they say

what they say is the ally unjustified a dismissal member of their union, the ciation of Scientific, Techl and Managerial Staffs. He .... nus Roulier who was sacked week for allegedly drinking the factory on Christmas

STMS members at other and plants are expected to action. The union has been to make the strile

rry Murray, so ASIMS d do well without foremen, should be able to do even ir with the foremen. Proion was higher because cerrestrictions imposed when nen were on duty had now



Switchboard

The Central Electricity Generating Fourd, which has been operating two short of the normal board of six for more than a year, is to lose a third mem-

ber in June.

This is Eob Peddie, who is leaving in June to succeed Bob Rutherford as chairman of the Brighton based South Eastern Electricity Board, on the latter's return in June to chair his alma mater, the North Eastern Electricity Board.

Peddie is therefore leaving

to sell the power he has been their centenary year, with lot holding to supply in his 30 september's Department of views in the industry, the last five of them on the CEGB bord. He leaves at the same now little more than a memory. The report, inter alia, said Arthur Hawkins is being re-Peddie is a nephew of Lord Peddie, chairman of the Post Office Users' National Council. placed by Givn England.

He was once superintendent of The First Hundred Years, a October when it will virtually the Bradwell nuclear power station and is a part-time member of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. It is said that the quarterly

Business Diary: Strike bonus: CEGB's reduced power

electricity bill at his Reigate home is rarely less than £200, thanks to his all-electric style of living, which ranges from in electric carver to underfloor electric heating. The CEGB cannot really go on much longer on this reduced

nanpower: look out, therefore, either for some fresh appointments soon-or for some wor-ker representatives if Energy Secretary Tony Benn gets his way and uses electricity supply as his testing ground for industrial democracy.

A chap who complained that he was receiving more and more letters officially franked "Stamps missing in transit" was told by the Post Office that the gum is not what it used to be and that most Post Offices now have a pot of glue for the public to use in case of difficulty.

At book value Happily for accountants Thomson McLintock they enter 1977,

The report, inter alia, said that Thomson McLimock had acted without reasonable skill

centenary history written by be taking over Gleneagles for a Rex Winsbury. Much of the interest inevitably lies in what the book turns Tax race President Ford surprisingly just

up about the early years of the firm, particularly about the founder, Thomson McLintock, whose lack of formal qualifications led him to become an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales rather than the more strictly regu-Scottish professional bodies.

He was, apparently, an eminently practical man. Rather than sell off stock at knockdown prices in a grocer's liquidation, he decided to continue the business and went behind the shop counter himself, which ensured a better deal for creditors and demand for his services in future liquidations. The McLintock family are

still in the business, though not at present as senior partners. Of the family line, however, it was perhaps Thomson's son, Sir William, who has been the biggest driving force in the firm over the past hundred years. He was largely responsible for the evolosive growth in the London office in the inter-war years, became an important figure in the accounting and financial world of the day and played his part in the creation of ICI-where Thomson McLintock remain joint auditors.

Among their more recent coups have been the audits of the National Enterprise Board and the British National Oil Corporation.

Capitol Hill as congressmen wait for proposals from the new President. Most of Congress's time this week-illustrating its keenness to let President-elect Carter get

down to business as soon as he takes office on January 20-is The firm will further cele-brate the centenary with a re-turn to the native heath in chosen by the newcomer.

Last week Ford beat Carter Both moves are, of course, by three days in announcing a

day he beat Carter again by sending proposals to Congress to merge many government energy agencies into a single Even Elliot Richardson, the Secretary of Commerce, admits that the energy plan closely resembles the one that Carter Congress, meanwhile, has little time for Ford. The President's proposals are not

even being taken seriously on

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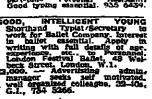
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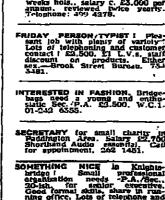
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### FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

### A case of weary gilts and tired shares

the safety net for the sterling balances, share prices continued their reaction to the strength of recent weeks as profits were

Selling was not strong until mid-afternoon, but thereafter it intensified as sterling lost it intensified as sterling lost ground on the foreign exchanges and it became apparent that Minimum Lending Rate is not likely to be cut again this week. The FT Index, 2.5 up at 10 am, had slipped to 2.8 below its overnight level by 2 pm and continued to lose

The market buzzed with talk that a large line of Kwik Save shares had changed hands outside the market. Currently being rerated, the shares saw a brisk two-way trade, but sellers finally won the day and the price closed 2p lower at 132p.

ground thereafter, closing a full five points down at 358.6. Gilr-edged stocks had another

heavily overbought in the last few weeks and are only sur-prised that the reaction of the last few days has not been stronger. With restraining

last few days has not been stronger. With restraining factors like next week's trade figures on the horizon, most expect the present mood to persist for several days yet. If anything, "blue chips" tended to fare worse than the rest of the market ICI, the day's most active stock, was lowered 9p to 343p, Beecham gave up 4p to 374p, Glaxo 5p to 400p, Courtaulds 2p to 93p, with Unilever holding on to 428p.

Following the market trade

Following the market trade, Hawker Siddeley fell 8p to 458p in engineers, where Spear & Jackson, continuing its takeover fight, lost 7p to 113p and Weyburn was lowered 4p to 340p ahead of figures.

The profits forceast con-The profits forecast contained in the Dunford & Elliott bid document helped Johnson Firth Brown to add 2p to 49p, with Dunford itself closing a point better at 47p. Steel group Sanderson Kayser jumped 9p

Gilt-edged stocks had another very busy day, but were much more volatile than of late. Here, too, the considerations were interest rates and the pound and early gains of up to a full point were not held. By the close, "longs" were showing rises of just a quarter, with medium and short dates around three-eighths better.

Most equity dealers consider that the market has been point better at 47p. Steel group Sanderson Kayser jumped 9p to 50p on limited demand in a thin market and vague bid talks which the company denies. A surprisingly bullish broker's circular helped a number of building shares to go against the trend. Particularly strong were Travits & Everard, also helped by bid suggestions and 4p better at 78p. May & Hassell 3p to 54p.

Tarmac 2p to 138p. After profits, International Timber dipped a penny to 74p. while both Parker Timber 65p and Phoenix Timber 67p put on a couple of pence. Other firm

Seekers of second-liners are alighting on Colmess Group whose industrial fastenings are now 75 per cent of sales, and probably more of earnings. In March the group should report 1976 profits of more than 5750,000 against 1975's record 5597,000, and a maximum £597,000. and a maximum dividend. The yield is already more than 11 per cent and the historic price-earnings ratio 3.8.

spots in the sector were RMC 80p and London Brick 42p. In oils, reports of a "dry" North Sea well and the general trend left BP no less than 28p lower at 786p and Shell was also in decline with a drop of 6p to 464p. But on North Sea influences both Tricentrol 105p and British Borneo 138p held firm even though IC Gas succumbed to profit-taking and lost 12p to

In the stores sector. British Home Stores led the way down, losing 5p to 140p. But Allied Retailers continued to go ahead, this time 2p to 84p, while Gateway Securities, mentioned here as a possible bid candidate, firmed several pence to

44p after news of an unspeci-fied approach. There were some hefty falls toods where Reckitt & Colman lost 7p to 333p, Paterson Zochonis 5p to 145p, Tate & Lyle 4p to 262p and Needlers another penny to 12p

after earlier trading losses. Scottish & Newcastle edged scottish & Newcastle edged ahead to 50p in front of figures. Other big names to lose ground were Lucas 6p to 204p, EMI 5p to 224p, Metal Box 4p to 24sp and in papers. Bowater 4p to 180p, De La Rue 13p to 230p, Reed 3p to 191p and McCorquodae 5p to 142p.

Most of the clearing banks lost a few pence, the exception

lost a few pence, the exception being Barclays which held steady at 262p. In insurances, Hogg Robinson lost 9p to 130p after disappointing figures,

while others in retreat inclu Phoenix 6p to 198p, Alexar Howden 3p to 131p and W Faber & Dumas 5p to 200p Akroyd & Smithers contir to reflect strong gilts tra-with another 4p gain to 1 and for the same reason Ut Discount added 5p to 330p Ailen Harvey & Ross 10r

390p.
Equity turnover on Jam
10 was £63.74m (14,784) gains). According to Excha Telegraph, active stocks yea day were ICI, Shell, BP, 1 Dfd, GEC, BAT Ind, Barcl Commercial Union, Courtst Midland. P & O Dfd, Mark Spencer, Hawker Siddeley, E Robinson. Beecham, Travic Arnold, Great Portland, Ii national Timber and Albrigh Wilson.

#### Latest dividends

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Int Timber Int 2.5
Inv Capital Tst (25p) Fin 0.65
H&R Johnson-Rich (50p) Int 2.58
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Jones, Stroud (25p) Int 1.6
Leaderflush (10p) Int Nil
McAlullen (25p) Fin 1.22\*
Toliemache & Cbd (50p) Fin 3.1 40† 1.6 Nil 1.22\*

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. I where in Rusiness News dividends are shown on a gross basis. establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. On bigger cap

### Jones Stroud on course for £2m after rally

By Tony May

six months to September 30, the chairman of Jones, Stroud (Holdings), Mr Philip L. Jones, expects profits for the full year to be in line with his forecast of over £2m. These will compare with £1.71m for 1975-76— which reflected a recession in all divisions—and the record £2.07m for 1974-75.

The group, which makes fab-rics. accessories and materials for the textile and electrical industries, managed a rise of 19 per cent in pre-tax profits to £918,000 for the half year. Turnover went up from £6.63m to £8.46m. So margins narrowed from 11.57 per cent to 10.8 per cent. Earnings a share were 5.18p against 4.22p but the divi-dend is maintained at 2.46p

Mr Jones comments that the After a fine recovery in the profits for the first six months ix months to September 30, did not include the results of J. & J. Cash Group, acquired after September 30.

In his September annual report, the chairman said that the group was still operating well below capacity, but profits would ton [2m with most of the growth in the second half. The second-half improvement in 1975-76 reflected ecorrather than higher sales. economies

The board proposed to con-tinue investing in plant but this needed money which had to come from business.

Although the reorganization would take a long time to complete and be expensive in the short-term, he was confident that the group would be able to carry it through without outside assistance.

### stronger but shares weaken

A thirsty summer unsurprisingly did Ipswich based Tollemache and Cobbold Breweries a power of good. But the shares fell 2p to 1321p yester-day because the rise in profits in the year to September 30 was staid against those of other

Turnover climbed 17.4 per cent to a record £14.2m but pre-tax profits rose by only 10.4 per cent to 5702,000. But this was better than in the first six mouths when turnover went up from £5.6m to £6.5m and pretax profits went down from \$178,000 to £108,000.

The directors in June had to report on a big drap in beer sales in January and February and a winter slump in wines and spirits.
The gross dividend rises from 5.74p to 6.32p.

### 'Tolly Ale 'group | Richards hands Imperial a scruffy olive branch

An olive branch of sorts seems to be held out by hard pressed Richards of Sheffield to Imperial Knife, the privately owned American concern which recently raised its hid from 21p a share to 30p cash. Shareholders are again urged y Richards chairman Mr W.

Muller to do nothing about the new Knife offer. The £500,000 of profits forecast for the year to March 31 next are reaffirmed, with the stress this time on the way £200,000 was earned in the seven months to last October, with £300,000 to come in only

But even more interesting is the admission that Richards has been talking to Knife and its adviser S. G. Warburg. They: "believe it to be poss-

anical engineer and garage proprietor, went up from \$2.35m to \$2.74m.

Earnings a share came out

Finishing more strongly than

expected in 1975-76, Serck emerged with pre-tax profits two-fifths higher at £7.1m. Though Mr R. G. Martin, chair-

man, sees no discernible trend

in world economic activity and

markets in general remain uncertain, he does report a "promising" start to the

current year to September 30.

Serck starts well

we would require from Impe Knife, including the regular vision of financial informa concerning the Imperial K group to the management Richards, if Imperial Knife v to make an offer to all sh holders which your board or wholeheartedly recommend Richards is pointedly

prised at the continued abse of an offer for the prefere stock.

This puts the onus on K which knows that Rec Ridgway will not now bid; a " preliminary approach " f a second British group has yet turned into anything e that the Richards family trustees of certain trusts supp Knife; and that the Richa directors speak only for 4.9 ible that agreement could be cent of the shares.

### Re-jig at Butterfield-Harvey puts record in doubt

Many companies in the In his chairman's statement. Butterfield-Harvey group expect a good second half-year, but the re-organization at the necessary to make further pro-Greenwich factories may prevent the final group results

of 1975-76. September 30 have brought a 17 per cent rise in pre-tax to E884,000, after associate company profits of £112,000 against £73,000, and interest of £183,000 against £242,000. Sales rose from £17.7m to £19.9m September 30 have brought a against £242,000. Sales rose from £17.7m to £19.9m. The interim dividend of this

holding group, which has interests ranging from step ladders and office furniture to municipal vehicles, is raised from for US clay maker 1.35p to 1.54p.

About 20 per cent of Butterfield's equity is held by Sime Darby, which bought the stake from William Baird in December for 40p a share. Butter-field's shares rose 8p to 32p on that news, but slipped ap to 313p on the latest results.

### Local authorities

The coupon on Local Authority Bonds this week is down from 132 per cent to 135 per cent with biggest borrower being Coventry at £1,250,000. Aberdeen, Newport and Scarborough re each borrowing fim.

Mercantile Credit's

big turnround Mercantile Credit, a member of the Barclays Group, reports pre-tax profits for the year to September 30, 1976, of £6.948m. They compare with a loss of £10.842m after exceptional provisions of £16m the year

Briefly

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LEADERFLUSH (HOLDINGS)
Turnover for half-year to June
30, 1976 \$275,000 (£588,000).
Trading loss, £19,000 (loss of
£15,000) before extraordinary
debit of £11,000 (nil). In view of
need to conserve cash interim
payment nothing (interim of 0.5p
gross for 1975, but no final).

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visions against loans on deve-lopment properties and land. from exceeding the record But he added: "Whether £1.77m achieved over the whole they will prove to be adequate.

less than adequate or more than reserves.

Hepworth Ceramic Holdings, a leading United Kingdom manufacturer of vitrified clay pipes, as indicated three weeks ago, has begun a tender offer for all the outstanding shares of United States group W. S. Dickey Clay Manufacturing. It is at \$17.5 cash apiece.

The offer, through Hep-

Hepworth's wholly-owned subsidiary Hepworth Pipe Inc, depends on at least 449,000 or 51 per cent of the outstanding shares being tendered. It closes on February 2 ruary 2.

Dickey has agreed to the offer following the rejection of a mixed cash-debenture approach from another Ameri can company, K. H. Porter, of \$18 a share. At \$17.50 Dickey's total value is about \$15.4m.

### Back to dividends at Scottish Homes

Down went turnover to £5.01m from £5.3m in the half-year to September 30, but up went Scottish Homes Investment's pre-tax

LOMBARD NORTH CENTRAL
The Earl of Crawford and
Balcarres has succeeded Mr W. B.
Davidson as chairman, a point
overlooked in our item yesterday.

INVESTORS CAPITAL TRUST

Gross revenue for year to November 30 up from £2.02m to £2.62m. Net revenue available for ord, £767,000 (£645,000). Gross dividend up from 1.53p to 1.84p.

Grayston is now beneficial owner of 247,626 ordinary shares in British Building and Engineering Appliances (20.46 per cent).

Resolutious passed to increase borrowing limits of Carpets International to one-and-a-half times the total of issued cap of co and the total of the capital and revenue reserves.

WARD & GOLDSTONE
Chairman states in interim report that the workload is substantial and likely to remain so until end of current year.

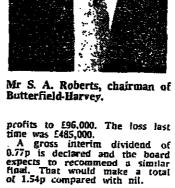
HEADCREST INVESTMENTS
Turnover, 542,500 for half-year
to June 30, against £817,309 last
time. Pre-tax profit, £57,000 (loss,
£49,000). Board still unable to
assess final commitment to the
bank of the receivership of Westdock until outcome of claims by
Westdock against certain debtors
sertled.

HONGKONG LAND
Hongkong Land Company will
shortly start work on a (HK)
\$185m commercial development
which will be the largest office

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### at new high

McMullen pre-tax

again at peak

After adding exceptional income of £71,000 against only £643, the pre-tax profits of Bootham Engineers rose 7.5 per cent to a record £510,000 in the year to October 31. Turnover of

preference for every four ordi-

Colonial Mutual Life Assur-

ance reports that in the UK last year sums assured reached £464m, an increase of 32 per cent over 1975. New premiums rose by 141 per cent to £3.7m

and annuities pa by 3 per cent to £361,000.

The new premiums include single premiums of £93,000, a 79 per cent rise.

Colonial Mutual

Without being specific he expects the group to turn in good results. Liquidity has again improved and a big investment in plant is in hand. **Falcon Mines expects** 

### **Bootham Engineers**

this York-based general mech-

### to make more Salisbury, Jan 11.—Falcon Mines' working profit for the year to September 30 is esti-mated at \$1.27m (Rhodesian), provided the gold price remains at about \$83 (Rhodesian) an ounce, the chairman Mr F. L.

report, the profit was estimated at \$522,000 for the current year at a gold price of \$70. leaving an expected \$160,000 for distribution after allowing for capital expanditure tal expenditure.

Working profit last year was \$1.33m at an average gold price of \$79.79, leaving \$699,010 for dividends, equivalent to 35

Capital expenditure in the

**Barlow Rand sells lime** 

offshoot to Pretoria Cem

Wigley said in the annual re-

In the September quarter's

current year is estimated \$355,000 (\$310,681 last year), which \$243,000 is for shafts

### at 89.7p against 85p, and the dividend rises from 11.55p gross **Gateway Securities**

receives approach News of an approach to Gat way Securities mean an offer tickled the share yesterday, but after reachin 44!p they settled at 43p, onl 1p up. Here, the grou is valued at about £4.7m. Th board of this Bristol-base supermarket group will so more as soon as possible. Last month Gateway returns interim pre-tax profits 5579,000 against £506,000. Ernest Harbottle, chairma commented that a dip in tur over from £27.4m to £27.1

# "uneconomic stores" and low trading by the Pink Stam company. It was hurt by pri cutting at petrol stations.

reflected the shutdown of

Baker's Stores up 31pc The board's hopes th Baker's Household Stor (Leeds) would achieve anoth record pre-tax profit for t year to September 25 have be fulfilled. They jumped 31 p cent to 5205,000. Turnover re from £1.67m to £2.16m so m gins widened to £9.46 per ce from 9.3 per cent.

Profits in the second by year went up 25 per cent £124,000 and the first half which included Christmas 15 -showed a 42 per cent increa to £81,000. Earnings a share were 4.7 against 3.42p and the divide goes up from 1.06p gross

"Close" company McMullen & Sons, the Hertford-based brewery, again reports record profits. Turnover for the 53 In an agreed deal Northern In an agreed deal Northern ness, American group R Lime, a wholly-owned subsidiary theon has bought about 87 I weeks to October 2 rose from of Barlow Rand, will become part of Pretoria Portland Cement, backdated to January 1. The consideration will be the allotment of 2.63m Pretoria shares and 2.53m "A" shares. The "A" will rank with the existing shares except for dividends paid for the year to September 30 last. The directors 47.99m to £9.9m, and pre-tax profits from £1.05m to £1.24m. But tax took £572,000 against £335,000 so net profits fell from £503,000 to £472,000. Earnings a share slipped from 14.22p to 13.02p and the total dividend is 2.43p on an enlarged equity compared with 3.75p. Last year the group made a scrip of four ordinary shares and one new 1 and the state of t

### **Overseas**

of Pretoria forecast at least maintained dividends for the current year. The dividends for the 15-month period to September 30, 1977, will be not less than 32.5 course. than 32.5 cents. There will be two interim dividends in March and Septem-

ber and a final in November for the additional three months. Barlow Rand is the big South

European offers

Among three internation issues announced Banque Fricaise du Commerce Exterit plans an offer of DM100m the international capital marl with a probable coupon of per cent and a final matur

cent of the outstanding sto of Fil Dynamo SA, a Fret wire manufacturer, for abo

525m. It will operate as p. of Raytheon Europe Int. national. M Georges Ferra will continue as chief execut.

and retains 10 per cent of k stock. The cemainder will o tinue in public bands.

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per cent and a linal matu-of 10 years. Expected to carry a coup of 83 per cent over a five-yl-period. Credit Foncier Fran-Canadienne is to float an iss of S(Can)30m on the Europe hand market on January 19. In Colonial's UK pensions business, sums assured fell by 5 per cent to £75m, new premiums by 7 per cent to £2.79m and annulities pa by 11 per cent to £9.49m. The new premiums include single premiums of £809,000, a rise of 21% per cent

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### INANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

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### **Commodities**

### Metals drop on Stronger pound Strengthening in sterting resulted in lower prices for all metals on the LME yesterday. In copper, cash wire bars were £1.75

down and three months dropped £1.50. f1.50. Standard cash tin was £27.50 down and three months was £25 lower. Cash lead fell by £2.625 and three months was £2.50 down. Zinc fell by £1.25 for cash and £2 for three months.

In the ring silver was between 4.40p and 4.90p down.

4.40p and 4.90p down.

COPPER.—Alternoon.—Cash wire hers. £789.50.90.00 a metric ton; three months. £823-23.5 a metric ton; three months. £823-23.5 a metric ton; three months. £823-25.5 a metric ton; three months. £823-25.5 and ton; £776.50-77.50; three months. £817.50.

10.00. Salas, 3.550 tons mainly carries.

£783-85.50; three months. £817.50.

18.00. Settlement. £785.50, Sales. 4.725 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes. £772-73.50; three months. £772.50.

Sales, 1.675 tons (mainly carries).

\$11.VER.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot. 250.35p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent. 431.31; three months. £93.75p

14.35.5; three months. £58.20p

14.35.5; three months. £58.20p

15.55.50.5 sales, 73 lots of 10.000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash. £93.75-8 B; seven months. £72.5-5.50.5p; three months. £72.5-75-8 B; seven months. 259.7-5-8 B; seven months. 2150.35p. Seles. 47 lots.

TN.—Afternoon.—Standard cash. £5.250.5 a metric ton; three months.

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Large £4.00 to 4.20 £4.10 to 4.30
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# European-American

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### Foreign Exchange

E1.945.50-48.00: Dec. £1.773-75; March, £1.721-30; May, £1.668-1.700. Siles, 8,270 lots, including 9 options, £1.00 prices; daily, 150,27c; 15-day average, 128.77c; 22-day average, 128.77c; 22-day average, 138.77c; 22-day average, 137.57c; US comb per lb). SUGAR futures advanced with trade buying a prominent feature. At the close March had gained £5.775 and May was £5.40 altest Reflecting the improved time of the market lbc London daily prices of Faws and whites to both add anced; buy for the first subject of £124.26.50 per metric ton; May, £132.50-32.70; May, £136.50-36.75; Oct. £138.73-39.00; Dec. £140.25-40.50; March, £144.50-45.00; May, £146.95-47.50-51/e3; Mayenga 7.38c.
SOYABEAN MEAL WE assion—Fob. £149.50-50.00 per metric ton; Anril, £153.70-64.00; June, £154.20-64.70; Grass futures were stoady vool; Grassy futures were stoady feence per £160.—March, £50.51.0; Sterling closed trading in major European centres little changed on the day, after a sharp run-up in the United States and Europe initially reflecting the Basic agreement on measures to stabilize the sterling balances.

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The pound closed at \$1.7085, a loss of 5 pts on the day after touching \$1.74 briefly in New York late on Monday.

The Bank of England may have both bought and sold sterling during a volatile European currency session to create stability around the pound, dealers said.

The "effective devaluation" rate closed at 43.5 per cent from 43.4 per cent overnight after moving as low as 42.6 per cent during the day.

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Nov. 25-5 Sales: 23 cannon about the sterling bal-ances agreement, porticularly the longer-term implications for Britain's international indebted-ness, the outlook for the United Kingdom economy and normal profit-taking after a virtual 2 per cent rate appreciation in Europe curbed sterling's advance, dealers said.

said.
Gold lost \$2,255 per ounce to close in London at \$129.125.

### **Spot Position** of Sterling

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### Discount market

Discount houses spent another day yesterday waiting for the Bank of England to alleviate a massive shortage of credit. The authorities were again required to help the were again required to help the market on an exceptionally large scale. As part of the help, the Bank lent a very large sum for seven days at MLR (14 per cent), underlining Monday's message to the market that it does not expect to see MLR fall as a result of this Friday's Treasury bill tender.

The Bank also lent an exceptionally large sum overnight at MLR. Ten or 11 houses partici-pated in the lending. Additionally the authorities bought a large amount of Treasury bills both from the houses and the banks.

Houses again stood back from Houses again stood back from interbank rates that eased gradually through the day from 15\frac{1}{2}-15 per cent to about 14\frac{1}{2}-14 per cent by the time of the authorities' assistance. Houses were finally able to pick up balances between 12 and 13\frac{1}{2} per cent, which was a little surprising considering the help was reckoned to have been slightly underdone.

### Money Market

Bank of England Minimum Landing Ri (Last changed 7,177) (Clearing Bank Bank Rate 147) Discount Mit Loans 9 Overnight: High 13 Low 14 Week Fixed: 137-14 Treasury Bills (Dis'é) 2 months 13% 3 months 13%

Recent Issues Dunford Elliot 19% Cav Pf (1904) 24 Energ Wr P9, 1852 (†) Tate and Lyle 13% Cav 94-99 Tendring Hund Wr 9% Pf (1942) Willis Faber El Pref

### Wall Street

New York, Jan 11.—Wall Street stocks closed broadly, and sharply lower on renewed fears about American inflation.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed off 10.22 points at 976.65. Volume totalled 24,100,000 Analysts say that profit-taking turned the market lower, but heavier selling later in the day was sparked by fears that tomorrow's government report on the December wholesale price index will show a sharp rise.

US gold up \$3.90

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Thomsen N 'A' 173. COTTON.—Futures dropped by the 2,00c limit. Mar. 69.33c: May. 70.19c: July. 70.28c: Oct. 66.12c: Dec. 63.53c: Mar. 63.10c: May. 64.10c. CHICAGO SOVABEANS.—Soyabeans Closed 3c to 4½c down: meal was \$0.60

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### **Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds**

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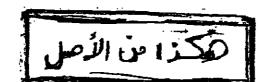
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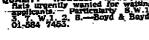
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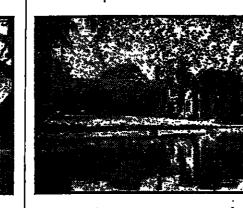
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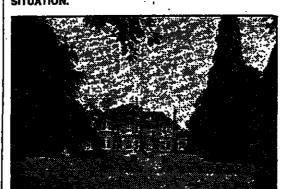
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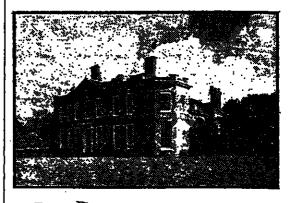
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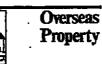
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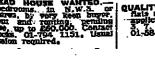
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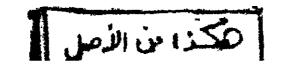


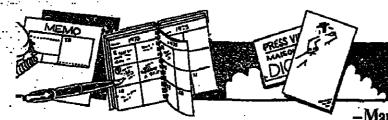
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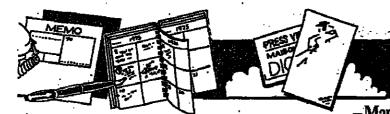
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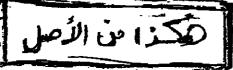


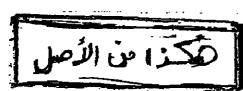
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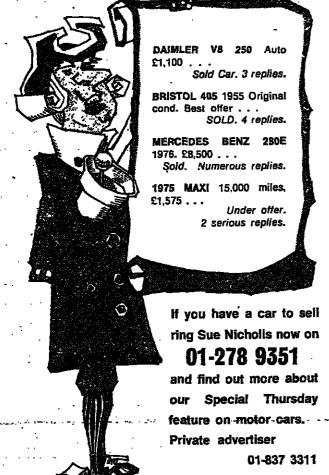
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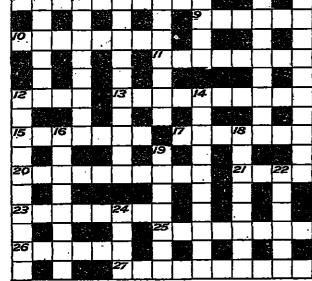
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